



Introduction to Medicare Part II

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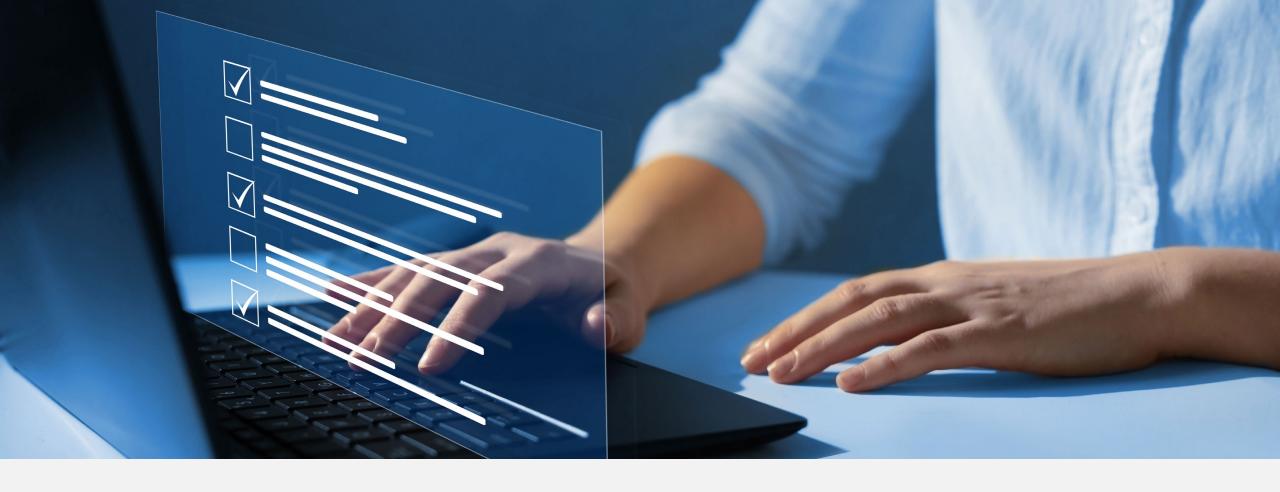
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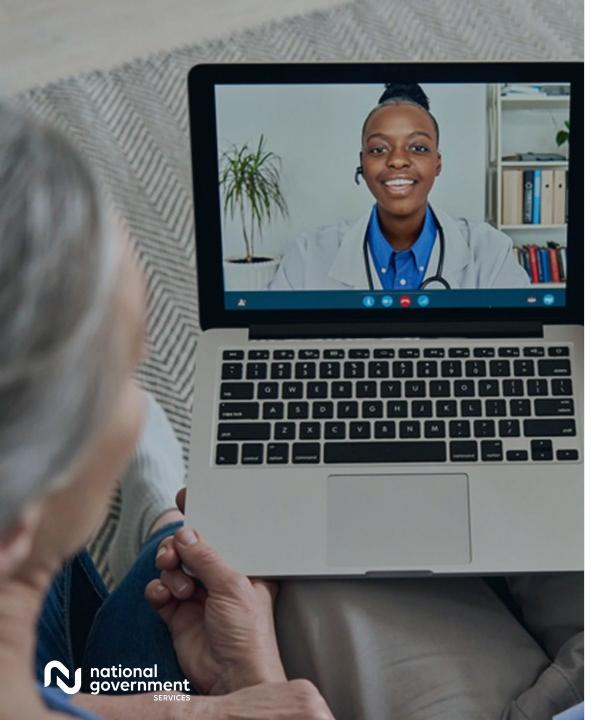


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Objective

After this session attendees will be able to

- Receive a more in-depth understanding of the Medicare Program
- Learn how to access Local Coverage Determinations
- How to be Medicare compliant in your office
- Know what resources to use in order to determine Medicare eligibility and ensure that office intake procedures are efficient



Agenda

Local Coverage Determinations/National Coverage Determinations

Preventive Medicine

Medicare Compliance

Front Office (Help for the Office)

Medigap/Supplemental Insurance/Advantage Plans

Checking Patient Eligibility

NGSConnex







Local Coverage Determinations

LCD

- Guidance
 - Indications of treatment
 - Limitations of treatment
 - Medical necessity
- Local Coverage Article
 - Billing and coding guidance
 - ICD-10-CM codes supporting medical necessity
 - Documentation requirements
 - Utilization guidelines/frequency





Medical Policies

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Medical Policies/LCDs

Find LCDs and related billing and coding articles



Enrollment

Getting started, after you enroll, and revalidating your enrollment



Fee Schedules

Code pricing search, payment systems, limits, and fee schedule lookup



Claims and Appeals

Learn about claims, top errors, fees, MBI and appeals



Overpayments

Repayment schedules, and post-pay adjustment



Medicare Compliance

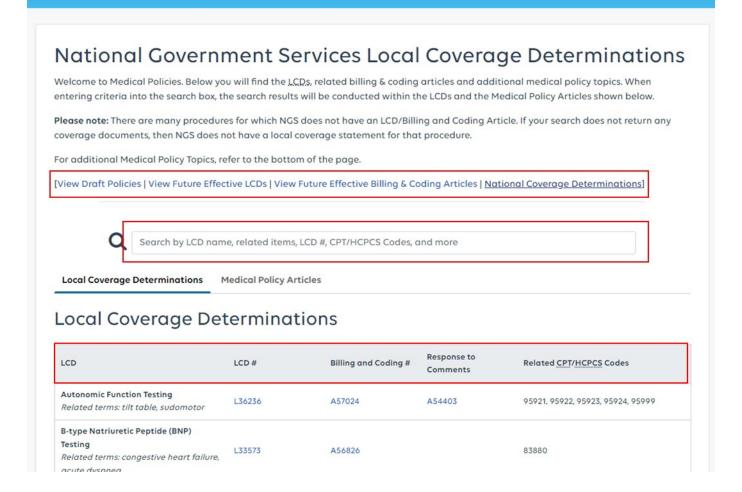
Medical Review, Prior Authorization, Fraud & Abuse, CERT, and more





Local Coverage Determinations

MEDICAL POLICIES/LCDS







Additional Medical Topics

Additional Medical Policy Topics

Conflict of Interest
Disclosure

Contractor Advisory
Committee (CAC)

Investigational Device Exemption Request

LCD Open Meetings

LCD Reconsideration Process Medical Policy Contact Information

New LCD Request Process





New LCD Request Process (A56198)

- Request considered in our jurisdiction from
 - Beneficiaries residing or receiving care
 - Healthcare professionals
 - Any interested party
- Request should include
 - Language that requestor wants included in the new LCD
 - Justification supported by peer-reviewed evidence
 - Full copies of published evidence to be considered
 - Information that addresses the relevance, usefulness, clinical health outcomes or medical benefits
 - Information that fully explains the design, purpose and/or method
- An informal meeting may be requested for discussion of the potential LCD





New LCD Request Process

- Request can be sent via email, facsimile or written letter
 - <u>Email: NGSnewlcdrequest@anthem.com</u>
 - Fax: 317-595-4334
 - ✓ Attention: New LCD Request
 - Mail

National Government Services, Inc.

Medical Policy Unit

Attention: New LCD Request

P.O. Box 7108

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108



New LCD Request Process

- Within 60 calendar days NGS will review the materials and determine whether the request is complete or incomplete
 - Complete
 - ✓ New LCD process will be followed
 - Response is an acknowledgement of the receipt of a complete, valid request not a determination
 - Incomplete
 - ✓ NGS will provide in writing why the request was incomplete



New LCD Request Process

- All proposed LCDs will include
 - Consultation
 - Publication of proposed LCD
 - Open meeting
 - · Opportunity for public comment in writing
 - Publication of a final LCD that includes a response to public comments received
 - Notice of new policy 45 days in advance of the effective date





Article for LCD Reconsideration Process (A52842)

- Requesting a revision to a final LCD
- Submit written request
- Identify language that requestor wants added/deleted from LCD
- Copies of published authoritative evidence
 - Scientific data or research studies published in peer-reviewed medical journals not previously reviewed or listed in sources of information
 - Consensus of expert medical opinion (recognized authorities in the field)
 - Medical opinion derived from consultations with medical associations or other healthcare experts



Reconsideration Process

- Submission of electronic request is preferred
 - Email: <u>NGS.lcd.reconsideration@anthem.com</u>
 - Fax: 317-595-4334
 - Mail
 - ✓ National Government Services, Inc. Medical Policy Unit Attention: LCD Reconsideration Request P.O. Box 7108 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108



Requesting Addition of ICD-10 Code

- Providers may request that an LCD be revised to add coverage for additional diagnosis codes
- Does not qualify as a reconsideration
- Can send a request to
 - Email: NGS.lcd.reconsideration@anthem.com
- Include clinical rationale if no peer-reviewed literature is available
 - Remember no PHI or PII can be sent electronically





LCD Open Meetings

- Held for each LCD development cycle
- Notice of meeting is posted with location and time of meetings about one month in advance
 - Medical Policies Section of our website
 - Open to the public
 - In person or teleconference participation available





Medical Policy Unit Contact

- Inquiries related to medical policy, including LCDs and clinical questions
 - Submit to our Contractor Medical Director via email NGSCMD@anthem.com for clinical issues related to Medicare coverage only
- General inquiries related to Medicare coverage, local and national coverage determinations, billing and reimbursement must be directed to our Provider Contact Center

• JK: 866-837-0241

• J6: 866-234-7340



National Coverage Determinations

NCDs

- NCDs are policies developed by CMS
 - Same for all contractors across the country
- NCDs are made through an evidence-based process, with opportunities for public participation
 - In the absence of a national coverage policy, an item or service may be covered at the discretion of the Medicare contractors based on an LCD
 - CMS IOM Publication 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD)
 Manual





NCDs

- Interested parties should submit national coverage requests and national coverage reconsideration requests through the CMS website or in writing to
- Medicare Coverage Determination Process
- Coverage and Analysis Group Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Blvd. (Mailstop C1-09-06) Baltimore, MD 21244





Preventive Services

MLN® Educational Tool Medicare Preventive Services





Preventive Services Educational Tool

- Learn About Codes
- Who is Covered
- Frequency
- What the Beneficiary Pays
- ICD-10-CM Codes





Preventive Services Educational Tool Example

Select another service



Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

Print

HCPCS & CPT Codes

- - G0438 Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (pps), initial visit
 - O G0439 Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (pps), subsequent visit
 - G0468 Federally qualified health center (fghc) visit, ippe or awv; a fghc visit that includes an initial preventive physical examination (ippe) or annual wellness visit (awv) and includes a typical bundle of medicare-covered services that would be furnished per diem to a patient receiving an ippe or awv

What's Changed?

- No changes from the last quarter
- 99497 Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate
- 99498 Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

ICD-10 Codes

Note: Additional ICD-10 codes may apply. Find individual change requests and specific ICD-10-CM service codes we cover on the CMS ICD-10 webpage. Find your MAC's website for more information.

Medicare Covers

Ouick Start

· Advance Health Equity





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Medicare Wellness Visits – IPPE/AWV

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 MLN6775421 - Medicare Wellness
 Visits March 2023







Preventive Services

- May be added through the NCD process if the service is
 - Reasonable and necessary for prevention or early detection of illness or disability
 - USPSTF recommended with grade A or B
 - Appropriate for individuals entitled to Part A benefits or enrolled under Medicare Part B
 - We may also add preventive services through statutory and regulatory authority





Medicare Compliance

Medicare Compliance

What can we help you with? Targeted Probe and Comprehensive Error Rate Fraud & Abuse Educate Testing Supplemental Medical **Prior Authorization Recovery Audit Review Contractor Medical Review**



Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program

- CERT program is designed to determined if MACs are processing and paying claims correctly
- Improper payments represent payments that do not meet program requirements whether intentional or otherwise and contribute to inaccurate spending of Americans' tax dollars
- Overall Improper payment rate
 - 2018 8.12 percent
 - 2019 7.25 percent
 - 2020 6.27 percent
 - 2021 6.25 percent
 - 2022 estimated improper payment rate is 7.46 percent, representing \$31.46 billion in improper payments





Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program

- CERT program is comprised of two contractors
 - CERT RC
 - ✓ Samples claims
 - ✓ Requests and receives all medical records
 - ✓ Reviews medical records
 - ✓ Compiles the data (using the CERT SC)
 - CERT SC
 - ✓ Calculates improper payment rates and amounts
 - ✓ Designs sampling strategy
- Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Details



Medical Review





NGS Medical Review Process Prepayment Reviews

- Claims will suspend
 - ADR generated
- Respond timely and accurately
 - Within 35–40 days (CMS allows 45 days)
 - Send each response separately
 - Include all necessary records
 - Signatures and credentials



NGS Medical Review Process Postpayment Reviews

- ADR will advise you of the documentation needed
- Include all records necessary to support the services
- Do not include additional correspondence
- Records must be complete and legible
 - Including signatures and credentials





Medical Review Target Probe and Educate

- TPE reviews may involve claims that have already been processed (postpayment)
 - Notification letter will include a listing of all the claims being selected
- New claim submissions (prepayment)
 - Includes a notification letter followed by separate ADRs for each claim





Rounds of Review

- TPE consists of three rounds, if the provider continues to have a high payment error rate
 - Round One (Initial Probe)
 - Round Two
 - Round Three
- Additional rounds of review will include
 - One-on-one education with medical review after each round of review
 - Additional development request approximately 45–56 days after the education is complete
 - Detailed results letter
 - ✓ Notification letters and results letters will be sent out in pink envelopes



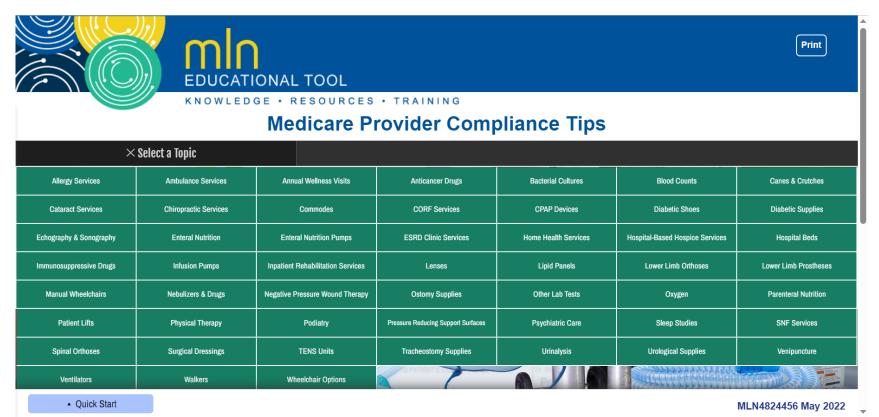
Responding to ADRs

- NGS JK (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT)
 - Mail
 National Government Services, Inc.
 P.O. Box 7108
 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108
- NGS J6 (IL, MN, WI)
 - Mail
 National Government Services, Inc.
 Attn: Medical Review
 P.O. Box 6475
 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6475
- NGSConnex
- CD, esMD or Fax



Medicare Provider Compliance Tips

MLN® Educational Tool: <u>Medicare Provider Compliance Tips</u>
 MLN4824456

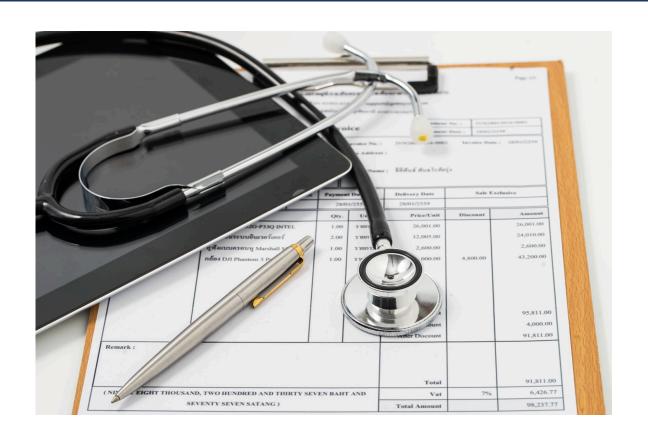




Front Office

Front Office Staff

- Front office staff is key to determining what type of insurance should be billed for services
- This job is not only the collection of patient information, copying insurance cards and health information, but also verifying insurance information with the different contractors





Traditional Fee-For-Service Medicare

Applying for Medicare

- Beneficiary reaches 65 and notifies Social Security office to apply for Medicare Part B
- Seven month period starting with three months prior to age 65, up to three months after
- Medicare Part B is a voluntary program beneficiaries pay a monthly premium



Applying for Medicare

- If beneficiary didn't sign up during initial seven-month enrollment period they can sign up from January 1–March 31 of each year
- May have to pay a higher premium for late enrollment
- If covered under a group health plan based on current employment, they qualify for a separate enrollment period





Medicare Advantage Plans

Medicare Advantage Plans

- Private insurance companies approved by Medicare provide this coverage
- In most plans, you need to use plan doctors, hospitals, and other providers, or you may pay more or all of the costs

Anthem.♥♥	MEDICARE PPO ADVANTAGE	
Member Name: Jane Doe	Anthem Medicare Preferred Anthem R _x Network	
Subscriber Name: Jane Doe Identification No: 123456789 Group No: 0084567 Plan No: 332	PCP Office Visit Specialist Office Visit Emergency room Urgent Care	\$20 \$20 \$50 \$50
PCP not required. Begin Date: 01/01/2006	H5529-001	



Medicare Advantage Plans

- You pay a monthly premium (in addition to your Part B premium), copayment or coinsurance for covered services
- Costs, extra coverage and rules vary by plan
- Your plan may require preapproval for services





Medigap/Supplemental Insurance

What Is Medigap Insurance?

- Health insurance sold by private insurance companies to fill the "gaps" in traditional Medicare Plan coverage
- Some policies cover extra benefits that aren't normally covered by traditional Medicare
- Claims will be forwarded to the Medigap carrier once the office enters appropriate Medigap carrier information on the claim form (OCNA)



What Is Supplemental Insurance?

- Generally a retiree benefit from their company
- They normally do not have to pay for it and it crosses automatically from the Medicare office
- Beneficiary must let Social Security office know if they have a secondary insurance to Medicare





Documenting Medicare Secondary Payer Information

- The CMS-model MSP Questionnaire can be found in the <u>CMS IOM</u> <u>Publication 100-05, Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, Chapter 3</u>
- Review questionnaire with the beneficiary
 - Do not assume responses
- Document
 - Both positive and negative responses
- Develop internal policies for unable or unwilling beneficiaries
- Recommended to save MSP information for ten years from date of service



Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center

BCRC

- Formerly known as coordination of benefits
- Most up-to-date and accurate beneficiary insurance information
- Customer service representatives available
 - Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. ET, except holidays
 - **√** 855-798-2627
 - ✓ TTY/TDD: 855-797-2627 (hearing and speech impaired)





How Do I Check Patient Eligibility

Primary Payer Identification Methods

- Check Medicare's records
 - NGSConnex
 - IVR
 - Other online eligibility
- Collect information
 - Ask patient, representative/family member
 - MSP Questionnaire



NGSConnex

What Is NGSConnex – Free Program

- Only need Internet access and email address
- Beneficiary eligibility/therapy caps
- Claim status-duplicate claim status
- Financial data/provider demographics
- Ability to order/download duplicate remittances

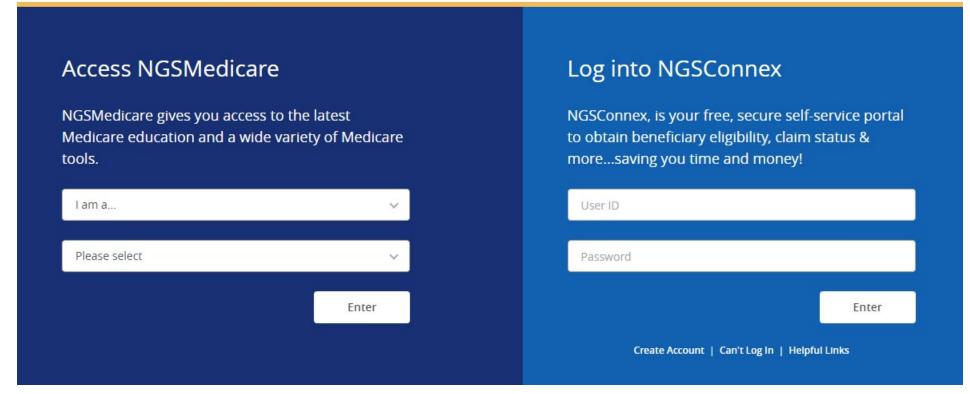
- Redeterminations/reopenings
- Inquiries
- Submission of medical records (ADR request)
- Print and view appeals letters
- Claims submission
- Preventive services





Access to NGS







Hours of Availability

- NGSConnex is available 24/7
- Information obtained from the local system is only available
 - Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET
 - Saturday: 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ET
- Not available during system upgrades or maintenance





JK Contact Information

- IVR: 877-869-6504
- Provider Contact Center: 866-837-0241
- EDI Helpdesk: 888-379-9132
- Correspondence
 - National Government Services, Inc.
 - Part B Provider Written General Inquiries
 - P.O. Box 6189
 - Indianapolis, IN 46207-6189
- Direct telephone line for provider enrollment JK: 888-379-3807



J6 Contact Information

- IVR: 877-908-9499
- Provider Contact Center: 866-234-7340
- EDI Helpdesk: 877-273-4334
- Correspondence

National Government Services, Inc.

Part B Provider Written General Inquiries

P.O. Box 6475

Indianapolis, IN 46206-6475

■ Direct telephone line for provider enrollment J6: 877-908-8476





Provider Contact Center Training Closure

- PCC closes twice a month for training and staff development
 - Training is conducted on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. CT and 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ET
- This schedule was determined based on our lowest call volume times to reduce impact to our providers





Questions?

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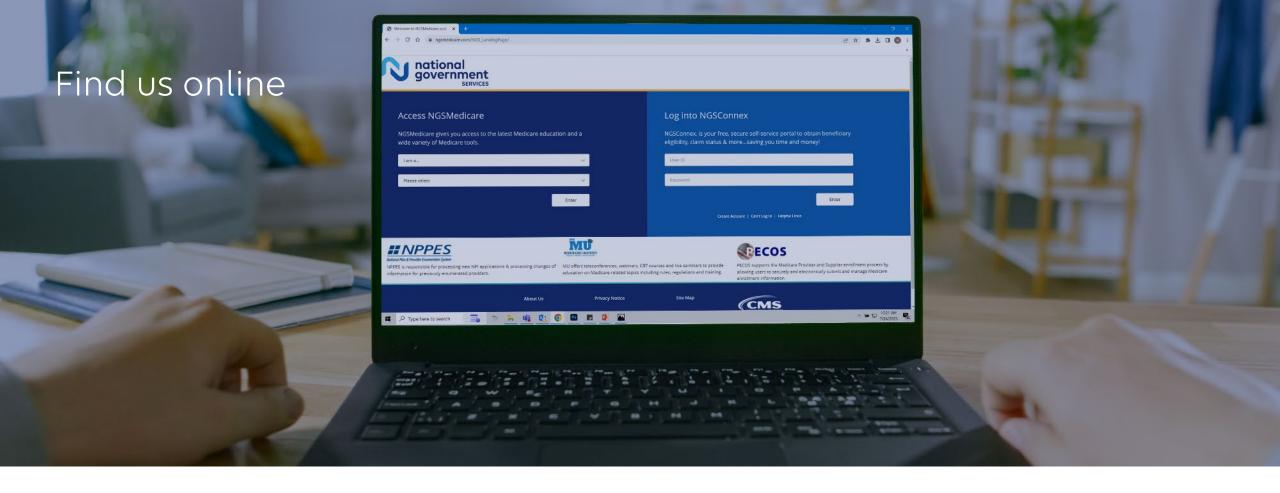
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Self-paced online learning











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Online resources, event calendar, LCD/NCD, and tools



IVR System

The interactive voice response system (IVR) is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to answer general inquiries



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Web portal for claim information



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