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This bulletin should be shared with all health care practitioners and managerial members of the providers/suppliers staff. Bulletins issued during the last two years are available at no cost from [our website](#).

CMS publishes the [Quarterly Provider Update \(QPU\)](#) at the beginning of each quarter to inform providers and suppliers:

- Regulations and major policies under development during the quarter
- Regulations and major policies completed or cancelled
- New or revised manual instructions

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Local Coverage Determination Open Meeting Announcement

Jurisdiction 6/Jurisdiction K Part A/Part B MAC

Open Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday, 6/27/2019	12:00–1:30 p.m. CT 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET	Illinois State Medical Society 20 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 700 Michigan Room Chicago, IL 60602

To ensure the development of LCDs occurs through a public and open process, we are soliciting scientific evidence and other scientific-based information related to the draft LCDs, from the general public and members of the Contractor Advisory Committees.

The next combined J6/JK open meeting will be held on **6/27/2019** at the Illinois Medical Society in Chicago, IL.

Draft LCDs for this meeting can be accessed after 6/6/2019, on the Medical Policy Center page of our website, by selecting the link for “**Draft LCDs for your region**” link.

You may also directly access the draft LCDs from the [CMS Medicare Coverage Database](#). Once on the page:

- Expand the “Local Coverage” by clicking the plus sign and click the “LCD by Contract” link,
- Select your contractor,
- And check the “All Proposed/Draft LCDs” box
- Click the “Submit” button to view the draft LCDs

The draft LCDs being presented at this meeting are:

- Water Vapor Thermal Therapy for LUTS/BPH
- Biomarker Testing (Prior to Initial Biopsy) for Prostate Cancer Diagnosis
- Micro-Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS)
- Percutaneous Vertebral Augmentation (PVA) for Osteoporotic Vertebral Compression Fracture (VCF)

Requests to Present Information at the Open Meeting

Interested parties who wish to make presentations of scientific evidence and other scientific-based information related to these draft policies must submit a written request which includes the following items:

- Name, address, telephone number
- Email address (if applicable)
- Name and address of the organization they represent (if applicable)
- Name of the draft LCD
- A brief description of the information planned for presentation and
- Disclosure of any conflict of interest

The written request, supporting documentation and presentations **must be received no later than 6/20/2019**. Please email request and supporting documentation to paulette.delia@anthem.com or virginia.muir@anthem.com. You may also mail information to the following address:

Contractor Medical Directors
National Government Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 7108
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7108

Speakers will be limited to ten minutes per presentation.

Time constraints will not allow consideration of requests received after the above date. All requests will be acknowledged by either confirming or denying the request to present at the meeting.

Participation in the Meeting

All members of the public are invited to attend the open meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please RSVP to alicia.barling@anthem.com or laketa.o'bannon@anthem.com by **Monday, 6/20/2019**. Individual acknowledgements will **not** be sent.

You May Participate in the Meeting by Telephone

- Participant Number: 877-445-5490
- Conference ID: 4493658

You will be asked for your name, association and state.

And by Webex

You may **register** for the webinar by selecting the link below, using Ctrl+click. The link will take you to a form to complete and submit. Once completed, you will receive an email with the information needed to join the webinar at the correct date/time. The email will include a phone number, meeting ID and audio PIN (which will be shown after you join the webinar) if you wish to speak.

- [Register for the NGS MAC Open Meeting](#)

At the time of the meeting, select the link in your registration confirmation email to join the webinar.

Comments on Draft LCDs

All members of the public are invited to offer comment on the above draft LCDs via email or by the U.S. Postal Service. The formal comment period is **6/6/2019 through 7/20/2019**. Comments can be sent by email to PartBLCDComments@wellpoint.com. **Comments must be accompanied by disclosure of any conflict of interest.**

Please send hard-copy comments to:

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Local Coverage Determination and Article Revisions: May–June 2019

The medical policies and related articles can be found in our [Medical Policy Center](#).

Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) - Related to LCD L33394 (A52446)

Corrected product links in article.

Select Minimally Invasive GERD Procedures (L35080)

Based on a provider/practitioner request, the “Limitations” section has been revised to remove the following:

“any patient in which a staged procedure is being done, as described as a laparoscopic esophageal or paraesophageal diaphragmatic hernia / opening closure followed by a TIF endoscopically.”