

## Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD)

### **Topic: Percutaneous Image-Guided Lumbar Decompression for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis**

**Decision:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that PILD will be covered by Medicare when provided in a clinical study under section 1862(a)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (the Act) through Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) for beneficiaries with LSS who are enrolled in an approved clinical study that meets the criteria in section I or II as stipulated in the NCD.

**What this means:** Effective for services performed on or after January 9, 2014, PILD for LSS may only be covered under the context of a clinical trial as described in section B above according to section 1862(a)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act. CMS has determined that PILD for LSS is not reasonable and necessary under section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Act.

For more information, contact Customer Service at the number listed on your ID card.

**This announcement can be found at:**

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R200NCD.pdf>

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