

Guide to Navigate the CMS Website

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1. Click on “National Coverage Decision Codes” on the Lab website

The screenshot shows the CHI Health website's 'NCD / LCD Information' page. The page includes a navigation menu, contact information (402-717-5227, 402-717-5252), and sections for Medicare/Medicaid Coverage and Local Coverage Decisions. A blue circle highlights the 'National Coverage Decision Codes' link in the 'Local Coverage Decisions' section.

2. Click on the most recent PDF, such as January 2016 [PDF, 12MB]

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov website's 'Lab NCDs - ICD-10' page. The page provides information about the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM for Lab NCDs. A blue circle highlights the 'January 2016 [PDF, 12MB]' link in the 'Downloads' section.

3. This puts you in the CMS National Coverage Decision codes



4. At the top of the page you will see a search box with the word "Find" in it.



5. Type in "Table of Contents", hit enter



6. This will bring up the Table of Contents. Then click on the test your are needing to find.

The screenshot shows the "Table of Contents" page from the CMS website. The page lists various sections and their corresponding page numbers. A black arrow points to the entry "190.12 - Urine Culture, Bacterial" which is circled in black.

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7. This will put you in the proper place to find a supporting acceptable diagnosis code for the test your are ordering by scrolling through the page(s).



190.12 - Urine Culture, Bacterial

Other Names/Abbreviations

Urine culture

Description

A bacterial urine culture is a laboratory test service performed on a urine specimen to establish the probable etiology of a presumed urinary tract infection. It is common practice to do a urinalysis prior to a urine culture. A urine culture for bacteria might also be used as part of the evaluation and management of another related condition. The procedure includes aerobic agar-based isolation of bacteria or other cultivable organisms present, and quantitation of types present based on morphologic criteria. Isolates deemed significant may be subjected to additional identification and susceptibility procedures as requested by the ordering physician. The physician's request may be through clearly documented and communicated laboratory protocols.

HCPCS Codes (Alphanumeric, CPT®/AMA)

Code	Description
87086	Culture, bacterial, quantitative, colony count, urine.
87088	Culture, bacterial; with isolation and presumptive identification of each isolates, urine.

ICD-10-CM Codes Covered by Medicare Program

The ICD-10-CM codes in the table below can be viewed on CMS' website as part of Downloads: Lab Code List, at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/LabNCDs/ICD10.html>