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Data Dictionary: NCD Download Database

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Important Note

Please note the following:

Any time information included in DateTime fields is in UTC.

Table Name

NCD_TRKG

Table Structure

Variable Name	Description
NCD_id	A unique identification number generated by the database.
NCD_vrsn_num	A number auto-incremented by the database indicating the version of the NCD or coverage provision.
natl_cvrg_type	Identifies whether the document is an NCD (true) or coverage provision (false).
NCD_lab	Identifies whether the document is a Lab NCD (true) or NCD (false).
cvrg_lvl_cd	Indicates if the NCD is for full-coverage (1), restricted-coverage (2), or no coverage (3).
NCD_mnl_sect	The Section Number from the Manual.
NCD_mnl_sect_title	The Section Title from the Manual.
NCD_efctv_dt	Date this version of NCD or coverage provision goes into effect (on transmittal cover sheet).
NCD_impltn_dt	Date this version of NCD or coverage provision is implemented (on transmittal cover sheet).
NCD_trmntn_dt	Date this version of NCD or coverage provision is no longer in effect.
itm_srvc_desc	A characterization of the item/service and how it operates or is performed.
indctn_lmtn	The general indications for which an item/service is covered and/or considered reasonable and necessary and the limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity.
xref_txt	Provides additional information on related topics in the CMS Manuals.
othr_txt	Information not included in other fields.
trnsmtl_num	Number on transmittal cover sheet.
trnsmtl_issnc_dt	Date transmittal issued (from transmittal cover sheet).

Variable Name	Description
trnsmtl_url	Full URL path to the CMS Transmittal announcing issuance or an update to the NCD. NOTE: On the MCD the file link is displayed as "filename.pdf", not the full URL.
chg_rqst_num	Change Request (CR) number (from transmittal cover sheet).
pblctn_cd	Manual publication number.
rev_hstry	Description of revisions made to this NCD.
under_rvw	Indicates whether this NCD is under review in OCSQ (true) or not under review (false.)
ncd_keyword	Keyword field allows OCSQ to enter relevant words that do not appear in the document but that should cause the document to be retrieved if searched for on the MCD.
NCD_AMA	This is to specify whether or not the AMA copyright notice for CPT codes should display (true), or not display (false.)
creatd_tmstmp	Created Time Stamp. The date and time when the NCD version was created.
last_updt_tmstmp	Last Updated Time Stamp. The date and time when the NCD version was last updated. NOTE: Whichever is greater between the Last Updated Time Stamp (last_updt_tmstmp) or the Last Cleared Time Stamp (last_clrnc_tmstmp) signifies the most recent change to the document.
last_clrnc_tmstmp	Last Cleared Time Stamp. The date and time when the NCD was approved to be published. NOTE: Whichever is greater between the Last Updated Time Stamp (last_updt_tmstmp) or the Last Cleared Time Stamp (last_clrnc_tmstmp) signifies the most recent change to the document.

Primary Keys

NCD_id
NCD_vrsn_num

Usage

This is the primary NCD table and contains one record for each version of an NCD.

Table Name

NCD_TRKG_BNFT_XREF

Table Structure

Variable Name	Description
NCD_id	A unique identification number generated by the database.
NCD_vrsn_num	A number auto-incremented by the database indicating the version of the NCD or coverage provision.
bnft_ctgry_cd	Benefit Category Code.
creatd_tmstmp	Created Time Stamp.
last_updt_tmstmp	Last Updated Time Stamp.

Primary Keys

NCD_id

NCD_vrsn_num

bnft_ctgry_cd

Usage

Join from table NCD_TRKG on ncd_id, ncd_vrsn_num to retrieve the benefit categories for an NCD.

Table Name

NCD_BNFT_CTGRY_REF

Table Structure

Variable Name	Description
bnft_ctgry_cd	Benefit Category Code.
bnft_ctgry_desc	Benefit Category Description.

Primary Keys

bnft_ctgry_cd

Usage

This table contains the universe of Medicare Benefit Category reference values. Join from table NCD_TRKG_BNFT_XREF on benefit_category_cd to retrieve the description for a benefit category.

Table Name

NCD_PBLCTN_REF