Title: Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the evidence is sufficient to add a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit, and for appropriate beneficiaries, annual screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT), as an additional preventive service benefit under the Medicare program.

What this means: Medicare Part B will cover a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit. If beneficiaries meet defined criteria, Medicare Part B will also cover an annual screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography.

Specific criteria are found in the National Coverage Determination (NCD) document, at the location noted below.

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For more information, contact Customer Services at the phone number on your member ID card.

This announcement can be found at: Decision on Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography