

**Title:** Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that Medicare will provide coverage for percutaneous image-guided lumbar decompression (PILD) for lumbar spinal stenosis (LSS) only when provided under a clinical research study that meets specific criteria. The specific criteria for the Medicare clinical study coverage can be found at the website noted below.

**What this means:** When provided through Coverage with Evidence Development in a Medicare approved clinical study (meeting specific criteria), Medicare will cover percutaneous image guided lumbar decompression (PILD) for lumbar spinal stenosis (LSS). For information and details of coverage as a clinical research study, please refer to the Evidence of Coverage (EOC).

**Effective:** January 9, 2014

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

This announcement can be found at [Decision Memo for Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis](#)

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