

Medicare revision to the LCD

64622: Destruction of paravertebral facet joint nerve(s) --

LCD ID number: L29132 (Florida)

LCD ID number: L29150 (Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands)

The local coverage determination (LCD) for destruction of paravertebral facet joint nerve(s) was effective for services rendered on or after February 2, 2009, for Florida and on or after March 2, 2009, for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since that time, the following revisions were made to the LCD:

- The addition of training requirements for physicians performing destruction of the paravertebral facet joint nerve(s)
- Mandatory requirement of the use of fluoroscopy for guidance
- Identification of accepted modalities when performing destruction of the paravertebral facet joint nerve(s)
- Identification of the median branch nerve of the facet joint as the target for achieving facet joint nerve destruction
- Additional documentation requirements
- The establishment of parameters for frequency of services clarified
- Sources of information and basis for decisions updated
- The coding guidelines have been retired

Effective date

This LCD revision is effective for services rendered **on or after September 30, 2009**. First Coast Service Options Inc. LCDs are available through the CMS Medicare Coverage Database. Coding Guidelines for an LCD (when present) may be found by selecting "LCD Attachments" in the "Jump to Section..." drop-down menu at the top of the LCD page. For LCDs with a future effective date, select the "Display Future Effective Documents" link at the top of the list of LCDs page.

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