

80.1 - Definitions

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([Chapter 4, §90](#) of the Medicare Managed Care Manual) A National Coverage determination (NCD) is a determination by CMS about whether or not a particular item or service is covered nationally under Medicare. A *Medicare cost plan* must comply with all NCDs.

A legislative change in benefits refers to new Medicare coverage of an item or service mandated by the Congress.