

CMS Retracts Medicare LCD Limiting Skin Substitutes Approval

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CMS has withdrawn its notice of final local coverage determinations for certain skin substitutes a little more than a week after announcing Medicare would stop covering nearly 160 skin substitute products after Jan. 1, among other changes.

The Trump administration didn't explain why CMS pulled the LCDs "effective immediately" and rewrote the webpage hosting the press release on Wednesday (Dec. 24).

The LCDs that CMS announced on Dec. 15 would've stopped coverage of about 160 skin substitutes and subjected an additional 154 products to individual Medicare Administrative Contractors' review for coverage determinations. Eighteen skin substitute products passed CMS' scrutiny to continue receiving Medicare reimbursement. - *Dorothy Mills-Gregg* (dmillsgregg@iwpnews.com)