

Application of the Concert Genetics Clinical Policies for Medicare Beneficiaries

For all Medicare Advantage lines of business, health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] apply Traditional Medicare national coverage determinations (NCDs) and local coverage determinations (LCDs).

When coverage criteria for a molecular genetic test are not fully established in applicable Medicare statute, regulation, NCD or LCD as stated, Centene will apply the applicable medical necessity criteria from the Concert Genetics clinical policies for that test.

The Concert Genetics medical necessity criteria within the policies are adopted from evidence-based professional guidelines published by national medical societies (e.g., the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American College of Cardiology) or standards bodies (e.g., National Comprehensive Cancer Network) supporting the use of laboratory tests. These guidelines consider the benefits of each test referenced, balanced against the harms of not testing or delaying testing. Criteria are updated biannually to account for any updates to guidelines and/or new guidelines published. References are provided for each individual set of criteria, along with summaries of those references to clarify how that guideline supports the criteria within the policy. All policies are accessible publicly on the websites of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation, as well as on the Concert Genetics website, with references and evidence summaries indicated for each individual set of criteria.