



## CMS Payment Policies

To date, IAC is aware of the following states that have adopted CMS reimbursement directives. There are several states in which the Medicare carrier requires or recommends either accreditation of the facility and/or staff credentialing, for reimbursement of vein studies.

While IAC attempts to stay abreast of reimbursement policies mandated by CMS as a service to the vein center community, these policies are changed and updated regularly by the insurance carriers. Therefore, IAC recommends that applicant facilities contact the insurance carriers in their area for the most accurate and current information to ensure compliance with reimbursement requirements at all times. Further questions about IAC accreditation as related to reimbursement may be directed to the IAC via [e-mail](#).

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The policy details within this document detailing accreditation requirements are only a portion of the full reimbursement directive, please search for the full policy on the CMS or your jurisdiction's appropriate AB MAC website. Don't know your jurisdiction or contractor? Search on the CMS website [here](#).

# Medicare Payment Policies

Medicare communicates vein center payment policy primarily through contractor-specific Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). **Select your state's contractor below to view the applicable LCDs:**

- [Cahaba GBA](#) (Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee)
- [CGS Medicare](#) (Kentucky, Ohio)
- [First Coast Service Options](#) (Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands)
- [National Government Services](#) (Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin)
- [Noridian Healthcare Solutions](#) (Alaska, Arizona, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, North Mariana Islands, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)
- [Novitas Solutions](#) (Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania)
- [Palmetto GBA](#) (North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia)
- [WPS Medicare](#) (Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska + [National Providers](#))

**PLEASE NOTE:** The policy details displayed on the IAC website detailing accreditation requirements are only a portion of the full reimbursement directive, please review the full policy on the CMS website to ensure you are in compliance with the complete policy. To find a payment policy, go to [www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database](http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database) and follow these instructions:

1. Click on *Advanced Search*
2. Under *Search by Document Type*, check Local Coverage Documents
3. Under *What documents types do you want to search for?* Check All Policies (LCD) and then Final Policies
4. Select Geographic Area (State) AND/OR Contractor Criteria
5. Type the testing area you are searching for (i.e., vascular testing) or the LCD ID # into *Enter Keyword(s)* box and choose *Entire Document*
6. Click *Search By Type* box
7. A page will appear asking you to accept the Terms & Conditions, *Click Agree*
8. A new page will open with your search results

# **Cahaba GBA**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction J: Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee**

[www.cahabagba.com](http://www.cahabagba.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction J under Cahaba GBA that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

## **CGS Medicare**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction 15: Kentucky, Ohio**

[www.cgsmedicare.com](http://www.cgsmedicare.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction 15 under CGS Medicare that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

## **First Coast Service Options**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction N: Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands**

[medicare.fcso.com](http://medicare.fcso.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction N under First Coast Service Options that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

## **National Government Services**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction K: Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont**

**Jurisdiction 6: Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin**

[www.ngsmedicare.com](http://www.ngsmedicare.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction K or 6 under NGS that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

## **Noridian Healthcare Solutions**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction E: American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, North Mariana Islands**

**Jurisdiction F: Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming**

[www.noridianmedicare.com](http://www.noridianmedicare.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction F under Noridian Healthcare Solutions that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

# **Novitas Solutions**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction L: Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland**

**Jurisdiction H: Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas Indian Health Service (IHS) and Veterans Affairs (VA)**

[www.novitas-solutions.com](http://www.novitas-solutions.com)

**Please Note:** As of June 2018, there are two DRAFT LCD policies for *Sclerotherapy and Endovenous Non-Thermal Treatment of Varicose Veins* (DL37796) and *Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities* (DL34924) that may require accreditation as a condition for reimbursement in Novitas Jurisdictions L & H.

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**LCD Title:** Treatment of Varicose Veins and Venous Stasis Disease of the Lower Extremities

**LCD ID #:** L34924

**Original Effective Date:** For services performed on or after 10/1/2015

**Revision Effective Date:** For services performed on or after 1/1/2017

A qualified physician for this service/procedure is defined as A) Physician (MD or DO) properly enrolled in Medicare, Licensed by the State with full scope of practice, with B) training and experience acquired through tenured practice or within the framework of an accredited residency and/or fellowship training program in the applicable specialty/subspecialty in the United States, reflecting equivalent education, training and expertise endorsed by an academic institution or specialty society in the United States.

The Accuracy of Non-invasive Diagnostic Testing studies depend on the knowledge, skill and experience of the physician and/or technologist performing and interpreting the study. Both must maintain proof of training and experience. All non-invasive vascular studies must be:

1. Performed by a qualified physician, or
2. Performed under the general direction of a qualified physician or technologist who has demonstrated minimal entry level competency by being credentialed in vascular technology or
3. **Performed in an accredited vascular laboratory**
4. Performed in an Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF) (Refer to LCD L34792, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility for coverage details.)

Examples of certification for non-physicians include:

- Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT)-ARDMS
- Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI)-ARDMS
- Registered Phlebology Sonographer (RPhS)-CCI
- Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS)-CCI

Provided by nationally recognized credentialing organizations such as:

- American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS)- Provides RDMS and RVT certification
- Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) - RVS certification and RPhS certification
- Intersocietal Accreditation Commission-Vein Center Division, Vascular Testing Division
- American College of Radiology (ACR)

**Nationally recognized guidelines and accreditation bodies:**

- **Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (IAC) or**
- **Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)-Vascular Testing Division or Vein Center Division**
- American College of Radiology
- Society for Vascular Surgery/American Venous Forum

**IAC Vein Center – CMS Payment Policies** (Last Reviewed by the IAC on 6/26/2018)

PLEASE NOTE: These policies are changed and updated regularly by the insurance carriers and list requirements as related to IAC accreditation *only*. Therefore, the IAC recommends that applicant facilities contact the insurance carriers in their area for the most accurate and current information to ensure compliance with reimbursement requirements at all times.



## **Palmetto GBA**

Part A & B MAC

**Jurisdiction M: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.**

[www.palmettogba.com/medicare](http://www.palmettogba.com/medicare)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction M under Palmetto GBA that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.

## **WPS Medicare**

Part A MAC

**Jurisdiction 5: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and National Providers**

**Jurisdiction 8: Indiana and Michigan.**

[www.wpsgha.com](http://www.wpsgha.com)

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Presently, there are no known Part A & B CMS policies for Jurisdiction 5 or 8 under WPS Medicare that require or recommend IAC accreditation as a condition for reimbursement for vein studies.