



Medicare Coverage Basics

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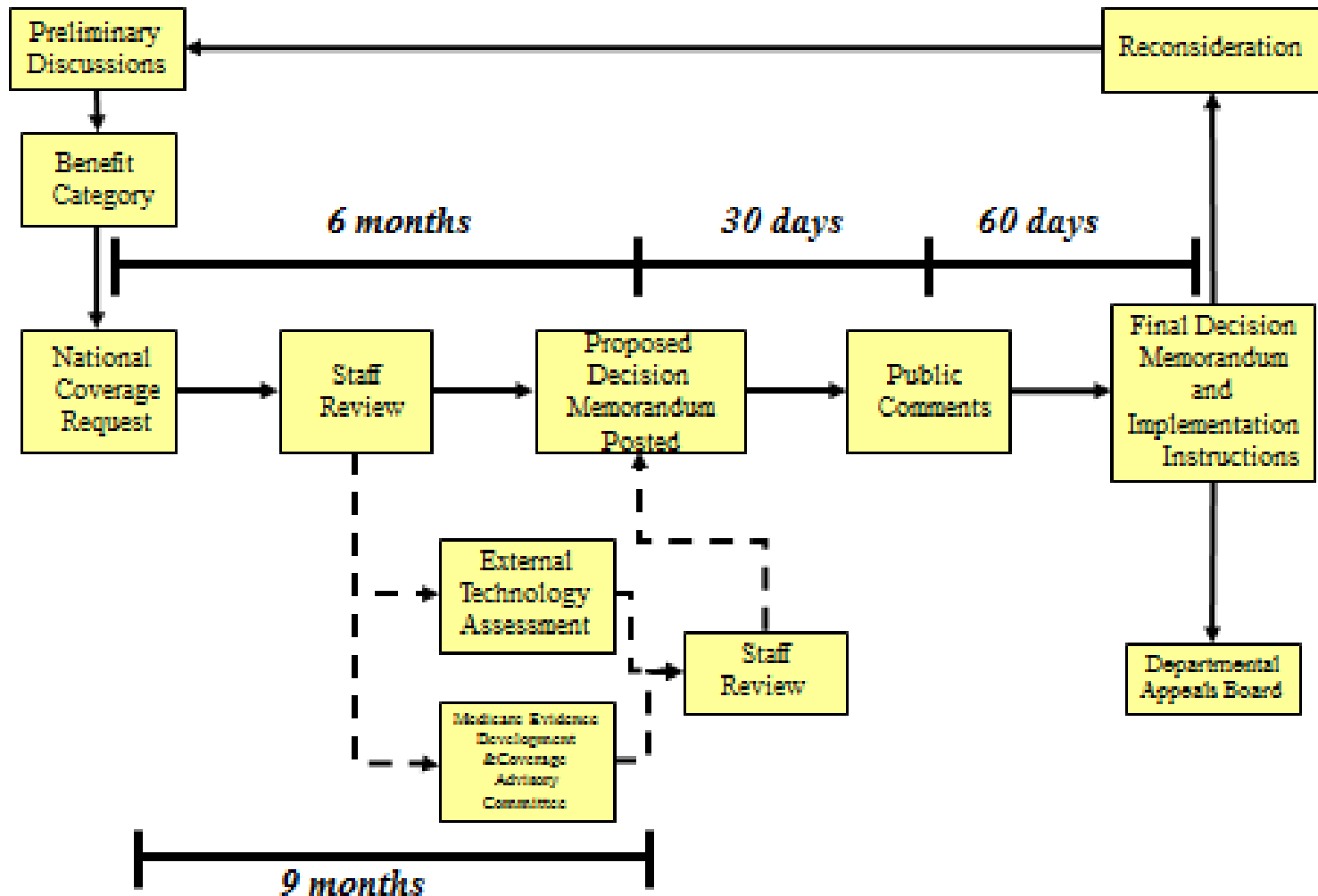
Medicare Construct

- Established by the Social Security Act of 1965, Title XVIII
 - §1862(a)(1)(A) reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member
 - Defined benefit program
 - Beneficiaries
 - Age \geq 65 years
 - Disabled individuals
 - End stage renal disease
 - Providers
 - Settings

Evidence-based Medicare Coverage

- Coverage determinations address whether the evidence is sufficient to conclude that the item (drug or device) or service improves clinically meaningful health outcomes for the Medicare population
- Considers the quality, strength and totality of evidence
- Focuses on important patient centered outcomes

MEDICARE NATIONAL COVERAGE PROCESS



Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)

- 21st Century Cures Act (2016)
- Sec. 4009 Improving Medicare LCDs
 - Increased transparency of process and required a summary of evidence that was considered by the contractor during the development, a list of the sources of such evidence and an explanation of the rationale that supports the LCD.

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