Medicare Now Covers Lung Cancer Screenings

How often is it covered?
Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers a lung cancer screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) once per year.

Who's eligible?
People with Part B who meet all of these conditions:

- They're 55-77.
- They're either a current smoker or have quit smoking within the last 15 years.
- They have a tobacco smoking history of at least 30 “pack years” (an average of one pack a day for 30 years).
- They get a written order from their physician or qualified non-physician practitioner.

Note
Before your first lung cancer screening, you'll need to schedule an appointment with your doctor to discuss the benefits and risks of lung cancer screening. You and your doctor can decide whether lung cancer screening is right for you.

Your costs in Original Medicare
You pay nothing for this service if the primary care doctor or other qualified primary care practitioner accepts assignment.