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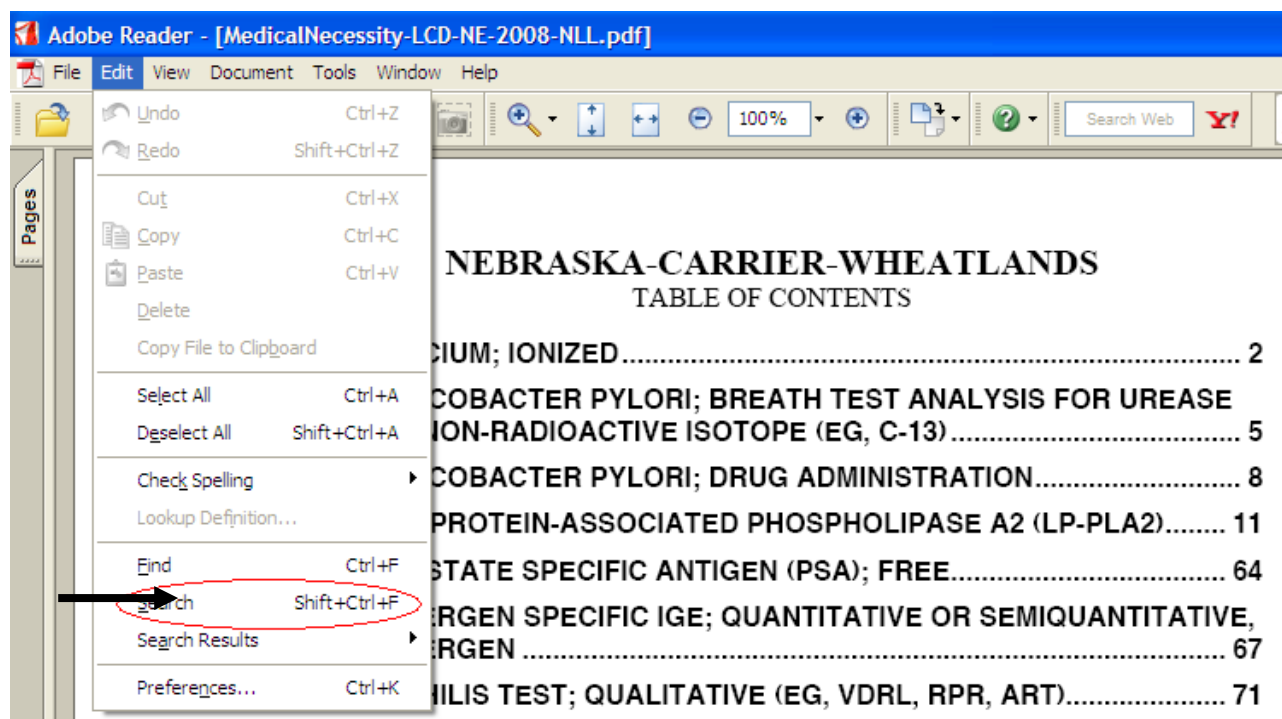
Online 2009 Medicare Medical Necessity Guide for Laboratory Procedures

There is an updated version of the 2009 Medicare Medical Necessity Guide online on the Nebraska LabLinc website at www.lablinc.com. The hard copy version has doubled in number of pages each of the last two years, now totaling nearly 1,100 pages. To make the manual as accessible as possible, the decision has been made to use an electronic version instead of the hard copy.

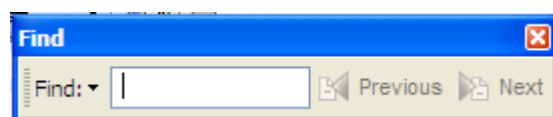
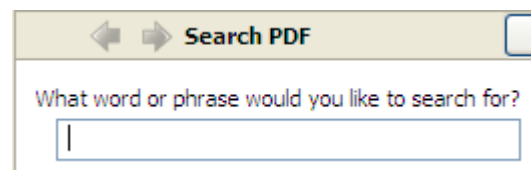
You will continue to receive a hard copy of the alpha and numeric indexes of the guide. These indexes will also be available on our website.

The electronic version of the guide can be found on the 'Clients' tab of the NLL website and will consist of Volume I, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), and Volume II, Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). The files are 'pdf' files which enable the user to search by test, CPT code, or any text or phrase.

After clicking and opening the desired volume, the search criteria can be activated in two ways. First, at the top menu, click on 'Edit', then Search, as shown below:



A search box, as shown here, will appear for the user to enter the test name, CPT or any other text desired.



A quick method of searching instead of using the menu line, is to hold the control key down and press the 'f' key (for 'find'). A similar search box will appear for the user to enter text or a number to search.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new guide, please contact us at the Nebraska LabLinc Call Center: (402) 484-LINC (5462) or (866) 886-LINC (5462), or contact your account manager.