

Memorandum

To: PerformCare Provider Network
From: Rob Labatch, MSW, Director of Provider Network Management
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Subject: AD 13 103R NCCI Claims Edits

The following is a revised Memo, re-issued November 1, 2013. Certain edits were removed based upon provider feedback and evaluation of current PerformCare payment processes. These removed edits remain on Table 1, but a strikethrough indicates their removal.

National Correct Coding Initiative

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) initially developed the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment of Medicare Part B claims. (NCCI edits are not applied to facility claims for inpatient services.) The coding policies were based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual*, national Medicare policies, coding guidelines developed by national societies, standard medical and surgical practice, and current coding practice.

NCCI includes two types of edits: NCCI Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE).

NCCI PTP edits prevent inappropriate payment of services that should not be reported together. Each edit has a column one and column two HCPCS/CPT code. If a provider reports the two codes of an edit pair for the same beneficiary on the same date of service, the column one code is eligible for payment but the column two code is denied.

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) prevent payment for an inappropriate number/quantity of the same service on a single day. An MUE for a HCPCS/CPT code is the maximum number of units of service (UOS) under most circumstances reportable by the same provider for the same beneficiary on the same date of service.

Adoption of National Correct Coding Initiative Methodologies by State Medicaid Programs

Effective October 1, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) incorporated NCCI methodologies into the state Medicaid programs pursuant to the requirements of Section 6507, Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Recovery Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152), together referred to as the Affordable Care Act, which amended section 1903(r) of the Social Security Act. CMS has adopted the contents of the *National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual for Medicare Services* with minor modifications for state Medicaid programs.

DPW adoption and NCCI Implementation in Fee-for-Service

The Department implemented NCCI program edits in two phases.

The first phase was implemented for claims received on or after December 1, 2011, and is addressed in Medical Assistance Bulletin 99-11-10 titled “Announcing the Federally Mandated Implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare’s Medical Assistance Program”. This phase included Procedure-to-Procedure code pairs that are subject to Incidental and Mutually Exclusive edits as defined by CMS. The second phase was implemented for claims received on or after November 1, 2012, and is addressed in Medical Assistance Bulletin 99-12-12 “Federally Mandated Implementation: Updates to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).”

These bulletins did not apply to services rendered to Medicaid recipients in the HealthChoices managed care delivery systems. However, DPW has encouraged PH-MCOs and BH-MCOs to evaluate the NCCI edits and establish rules for adoption.

PerformCare already controls for Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) through daily frequency limits in our claims system that are currently applied to all HealthChoices in-plan services. The current daily frequency settings will not be changing.

The following NCCI Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits in Table 1 below will be applied by PerformCare to all relevant behavioral health claims effective 11/15/13. It is important to note that these NCCI edits will be applied to services performed by the same provider for the same beneficiary on the same date of service. (The PTP edits will apply to any and all modifier combinations.)

There are currently about 2000 possible behavioral health PTP edits listed by CMS. PerformCare is implementing 281 of them. We are also interested in any feedback from providers regarding these PTP edits, and we will consider your recommendations in any future adjustments. Feedback and inquiries can be routed through PerformCare Account Executives or directly to Dr. Scott Daubert, VP Operations, at sdaubert@performcare.org.

*Excel file of Table 1 available upon request.

Table 1: PerformCare NCCI Edits (HealthChoices)*				
Column 1 / Column 2 Edits				
Column 1 NCCI Reimbursable Code	Column 2 NCCI Code to be Denied on Same DOS	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Notes
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