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Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 13.2, Effective July 1, 2007

Provider Types Affected

Physicians who submit claims to Medicare carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Background

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5604 which provides a reminder for physicians to take note of the quarterly updates to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits. The latest package of CCI edits, Version 13.2, effective July 1, 2007, and the current Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) edits will be available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

The National Correct Coding Initiative developed by CMS helps promote national correct coding methodologies and controls improper coding. The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in:

- The American Medical Association's (AMA's) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual,
- National and local policies and edits,
- Coding guidelines developed by national societies,
- Analysis of standard medical and surgical practice, and
- Review of current coding practice.

The latest package of CCI edits, Version 13.2, includes all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996, to the present and will be organized in two tables:

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- Column 1/ Column 2 Correct Coding Edits, and
- Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits.

Additional Information

The CCI and MEC file formats will be maintained in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Chapter 23, Section 20.9) which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website.

The official instruction, CR 5604, issued to your carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1243CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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