
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Suspension of Recently Implemented Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits Bundling E&M Codes and Ophthalmologic Codes – Revision to Version 7.0

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that CCI edits involving evaluation and management (E&M) codes and various XXX procedures have been suspended. Ophthalmologic general services (92002-92014) with various procedure codes have also been suspended.

The new file names for the regions are:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.FINAL02.V70
MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.FINAL 02.V70

The new file names for the carriers are:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL02.V70
MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL02.V70

Note that no change report will be issued for this revised file. The effective date for this edit change is October 30, 2000. The original date that the edits appeared was on the CCI Version 6.3 file. The only revisions on the new file for Version 7.0 file are the suspended edits for the E&M services with XXX codes along with suspended edits for ophthalmologic general services with various procedure codes.

You do not need to search your files to retract payment or to retroactively pay claims. However, you should adjust claims if the provider brings them to your attention.

HCFA is planning to provide additional education to providers concerning the edits and plans at a later time to reinstate some of these edits.

The *effective date* for this PM is October 30, 2000.

The implementation date for this PM is February 12, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 26, 2002.

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