
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Updated Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Coding Policy Manual

CMS developed CCI to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payment in Part B claims. CMS developed its coding policies based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's CPT manual, national and local policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices, and a review of current coding practices.

CMS will E-mail an updated version of the CCI Coding Policy Manual to the ROs for distribution to the carriers. The Coding Policy Manual should be utilized by carriers as a general reference tool that explains the rationale for CCI edits.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 30, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 30, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 30, 2002.

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