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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.3, Effective October 1, 2004.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 4, 2004**

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

***III. FUNDING:**

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

***Medicare contractors only**

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.3, Effective October 1, 2004.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The latest package of Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.3, effective October 1, 2004, will be available via the CMS Data Center (CDC). A test file will be available on or about July 30, 2004, and the final file will be available on or about August 16, 2004.

Version 10.3 will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996, to the present and will be organized in two tables: Column 1/ Column 2 Correct Coding Edits and Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits.

A. Background: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services developed the National Correct Coding Initiative to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.

B. Policy: The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology 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.

C. Provider Education: "A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin."

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3349.1	The regional office correct coding initiative (ROCCI) representatives should access the files from the CDC in the same manner they download the previous versions. The filenames for the regions are:	ROCCI Carriers

	<p>Test File:</p> <p>MU00.@BF12372.CCIALl.MEEDITS.TEST01.V103 MU00.@BF12372.CCIALl.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V103</p> <p>Final File:</p> <p>MU00.@BF12372.CCIALl.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V103 MU00.@BF12372.CCIALl.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V103</p>	
3349.2	<p>The carriers shall use specific job control language in order to access Version 10.3 through the Network Data Mover. The filenames for the carriers are:</p> <p>Test File:</p> <p>MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST01.V103 MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V103</p> <p>Final File:</p> <p>MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V103 MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V103</p>	Carriers
3349.3	<p>The CCI and MEC files will maintain the file formats contained in the Internet Only Manual Chapter 23, Section 20.9. The CCI adds, deletes, and modifier indicator change lists will be forthcoming via electronic mail on or about August 24, 2004.</p>	Carriers
3349.4	<p>Carriers should not search their files to either retract payment or to retroactively pay claims.</p>	Carriers
3349.5	<p>Carriers shall adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.</p>	Carriers

3349.6	If carriers foresee any problems with loading the CCI files, they should load the files 2 - 3 days prior to the effective date (including weekends).	Carriers
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Due to Current Procedure Terminology copyrights, immediate corrections, if any, will be included in one of the above notifications.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: October 1, 2004</p> <p>Implementation Date: October 4, 2004</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Val Allen 410-786-7443</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Val Allen 410-786-7443</p>	<p>These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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