
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 9.3, Effective October 1, 2003

The latest package of Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 9.3, effective October 1, 2003, will be available via the CMS Data Center (CDC). A test file will be available on or about August 1, 2003, and the final file will be available on or about August 15, 2003.

Version 9.3 will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996, to the present and will be organized in two tables: Comprehensive/Component Edits (CCE) and Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits.

The regional office correct coding initiative (ROCCI) representatives can access the files from the CDC in the same manner they download the previous versions. The filenames for the regions are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.TEST01.V93
MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V93

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V93
MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V93

The carriers will need to use specific job control language in order to access Version 9.3 through the Network Data Mover. The filenames for the carriers are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST01.V93
MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V93

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V93
MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V93

The CCI and MEC files will maintain the file formats contained in the Medicare Carriers Manual (MCM), Part 3, §4630.M. The CCI adds, deletes, and modifier indicator change lists will be forthcoming via electronic mail on or about August 22, 2003.

Due to Current Procedure Terminology copyrights, immediate corrections, if any, will be included in one of the above notifications.

Carriers need not search their files to either retract payment or to retroactively pay claims. However, carriers should adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2004.

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