Program Memorandum Carriers

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION (HCFA)

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SUBJECT: Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 6.2, Effective July 1, 2000

The latest package of correct coding initiative (CCI) edits, version 6.2 and commercial edits effective July 1,2000 will be available via the HCFA Data Center (HDC). A test file has been available since April 10, 2000. Notification will be sent by E-mail when the final file is available. Version 6.2 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 HDC in the same manner they download the previous versions. The filenames for the regions are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.TEST.V62; and MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.TEST.V62.

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.FINAL.V62; and MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.FINAL.V62.

The carriers will need to use specific job control language in order to access version 6.2 through the network data mover. The filenames for the carriers are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST.V62; and MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.TEST.V62.

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL.V62; and MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL.V62.

The CCE and MEC files will maintain the file formats contained in MCM §4630.M (revised August 1999) of the MCM. The CCI adds, deletes, and correct coding modifier changes lists will be coming soon via GroupWise.

Due to current procedure terminology copyrights, immediate corrections, if any, will be included in one of the above electronic 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 July 1, 2000.

The implementation date for this PM is July 1, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2001.

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