
Program Memorandum

Carriers

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SUBJECT: Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 6.3, Effective October 1, 2000

The latest package of Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 6.3 and commercial edits will be available via the HCFA Data Center (HDC), effective October 1, 2000. A test file will be available on or about July 19, 2000 and the final file will be available on or about August 15, 2000. Version 6.3 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 (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.CCIAL.MEEDITS.TEST.V63](#); and
[MU00.@BF12372.CCIAL.CMPEDITS.TEST.V63](#).

Final File:

[MU00.@BF12372.CCIAL.MEEDITS.FINAL.V63](#); and
[MU00.@BF12372.CCIAL.CMPEDITS.FINAL.V63](#).

The carriers will need to use specific job control language in order to access Version 6.3 through the Network Data Mover. The filenames for the carriers are:

Test File:

[MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST.V63](#); and
[MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.TEST.V63](#).

Final File:

[MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL.V63](#); and
[MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL.V63](#).

The CCI and MEC files will maintain the file formats contained in MCM §4630.M (revised August 1999). The CCI Adds, Deletes, and Correct Coding Modifier Changes lists will be forthcoming via GroupWise August 9, 2000.

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 October 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 2, 2001.

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