
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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This Program Memorandum (PM) is informational only.

SUBJECT: Background and Documentation for Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) and Unit of Service Edits

The purpose of this PM is to provide you with background and documentation for CCI and Unit of Service Edits which are incorporated in the revised Outpatient Code Editor (OCE).

With the implementation of the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) we plan to apply CCI edits, with the exception of anesthesiology, to hospital outpatient claims. The purpose of the CCI edits is to ensure the most comprehensive groups of codes are billed rather than the component parts. Additionally, CCI edits check for mutually exclusive code pairs. These edits are being implemented to ensure that only appropriate codes are grouped and priced.

The Unit of Service Edits determine the maximum allowed number of services for each HCPCS code.

This information is contained in files that are currently available through the HCFA mainframe telecommunications system. The file names are as follows:

File Names:
MU00.@BF12372.CCIOCE.CMPEDITS.INFO.V62
MU00.@BF12372.CCIOCE.MEEDITS.INFO.V62

These files are being provided for testing and educational purposes.

NOTE: The CCI version included in the OCE is draft. Modifications to the final will be incorporated in a future version.

The effective date for this PM is August 1, 2000.

The implementation date for this PM is September 21, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after August 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional office.

Attachment

HCFA-Pub. 60A

Correct Coding Edit Files

The following is the record layout for the Correct Coding Edit Files which may be downloaded by the regional offices from the HCFA Data Center:

Field	Type	Record Position	Length
Mutually Exclusive Column 1 Code or Comprehensive Code	Character	1	5
Mutually Exclusive Column 2 Code or Component Code	Character	6	5
Standard Policy Statement	Character	11	60
Correspondence Language Reference	Character	71	12
Prior Rebundled Code Indicator “*” rebundled prior to 1996 edits “ ” rebundled 1/1/96 or later	Character	83	1
Effective Date (4 position year followed by Julian day)	Numeric	84	7
Deletion Date (4 position year followed by Julian day)	Numeric	91	7
GB Modifier Indicator “0” No CCE modifiers allowed “1” CCE modifiers acceptable “9” Use of CCE modifiers not specified	Numeric	98	1
Savings Type Indicator	Character	99	1