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Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 11.0, Effective January 1, 2005

Provider Types Affected

Physicians

Provider Action Needed

This is a reminder for physicians to take note of the quarterly updates to the coding initiatives. The next round of CCI edits will be effective on January 1, 2005. Physicians may view the current CCI edits and the current Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) edits on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) web site at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits>

The web site will be updated with the Version 11.0 edits as soon as they are effective.

Background

The National Correct Coding Initiative developed by CMS helps promote national correct coding methodologies and controls improper coding. The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 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.

The latest package of CCI edits, Version 11.0, is effective on January 1, 2005. This version 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 MEC Edits.

Additional Information

The CCI and MEC files will be maintained in the Internet Only Manual, Chapter 23, Section 20.9, which can be found at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/clm104index.asp

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