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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Creates New Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure-to-Procedure Edits Related to Wheelchairs Effective October 1, 2012

The CMS NCCI promotes national correct coding methodologies to reduce improper coding which may result in inappropriate payment of Medicaid claims.

Initial Implementation in PA Medicaid: The Department of Human Services (the department) issued Medical Assistance Bulletin (MAB) 99-11-10 on November 10, 2011, entitled “Announcing the Federally Mandated Implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) in the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services’ Medical Assistance Program.” The effective date of the bulletin is December 1, 2011. The bulletin and claims criteria attachment can be viewed by accessing the following link:

<http://dhs.pa.gov/publications/bulletinsearch/bulletinselected/index.htm?bn=99-11-10&o=N&po=OMAP&id=11/10/2011>

The department issued MAB 99-12-12 on October 26, 2012, titled “Federally Mandated Implementation: Updates to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).” The effective date of the bulletin is November 1, 2012. The bulletin and claims criteria attachment can be viewed by accessing the following link:

<http://dhs.pa.gov/publications/bulletinsearch/bulletinselected/index.htm?bn=99-12-12&o=N&po=OMAP&id=10/26/2012>

The updated bulletin identifies a new NCCI procedure-to-procedure (PTP) methodology related to provider claims for Durable Medical Equipment (DME). The methodology was created by CMS effective October 1, 2012 for any claims submitted, regardless of the date of service.

The edits associated with the new methodology are located on the CMS Medicaid NCCI website under the “Medicaid NCCI Edit Files” section. The specific file is titled “**PTP edits for provider claims for durable medical equipment**” and can be viewed by accessing the following link from the CMS main website:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/>



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Edit Categories: The new NCCI PTP methodology includes edits for three main categories of wheelchair-related items: 1) wheelchair bases, 2) wheelchair options and accessories, and 3) wheelchair seating. The edits are divided into five major groups:

Group 1 – Wheelchair Bases with other Wheelchair Bases

Group 2 – Wheelchair Bases with Wheelchair Options and Accessories

Group 3 – Wheelchair Bases with Wheelchair Seating

Group 4 – Wheelchair Options and Accessories with other Wheelchair Options and Accessories

Group 5 – Wheelchair Seating with other Wheelchair Seating

CMS Processing and Policy Information: The Correct Coding Modifier Indicator (CCMI) for the new NCCI PTP edits is “0” (zero,) meaning CMS does not allow PTP-associated modifiers to be submitted on claims to bypass the PTP edit.

Application of CMS Policy: Providers can obtain information regarding CMS’ processing rules and policies by accessing the “Medicaid NCCI Policy Manual” which is also located on the CMS Medicaid NCCI website under the “Medicaid NCCI Reference Documents” section. PA Medicaid will follow the CMS mandated processing rules and policies except in those instances where a conflict has been identified and an exception has been granted to PA Medicaid by CMS to not set an edit.

The Medicaid NCCI program is maintained for CMS by Correct Coding Solutions, LLC (CCS). If a provider, health care organization, or other interested party has concerns regarding the content of the Medicaid NCCI Policy Manual or would like to request reconsideration of a CMS NCCI PTP edit, a written request may be submitted to CCS. The request should include rationale for the proposed change.

Written correspondence can be sent to:

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