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Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 11.1, Effective April 1, 2005

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians billing Medicare Carriers

Key Points

- The effective date of this instruction is April 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is April 4, 2005.
- The latest package of CCI edits, Version 11.1, is effective on April 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.
- The National Correct Coding Initiative developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (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.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3688.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3688) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R466CP.pdf> on the CMS website.