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Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 10.3, Effective October 1, 2004

Note: This article was updated on April 5, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

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 Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits will be effective on October 1, 2004.

Physicians may view the current CCI edits and the current Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits at

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

The website will be updated with the Version 10.3 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 10.3, is effective on October 1, 2004.

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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.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c23.pdf> on the CMS website.

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