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**Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 19.3,  
Effective October 1, 2013**

**Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

**What You Need to Know**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8376, which informs Medicare contractors about the release of the latest package of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, Version 19.3, which will be effective October 1, 2013. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

**Background**

The latest package of CCI edits, Version 19.3, will be effective on October 1, 2013. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the National CCI to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.

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Version 19.3 will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996, to the present. In the past, CCI was organized in two tables: Column 1/Column 2 Correct Coding Edits, and Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits. In order to simplify the use of NCCI edit files (two tables), on April 1, 2012, CMS consolidated these two edit files into the Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file.

CMS no longer publishes a Mutually Exclusive edit file on its website for either practitioner or outpatient hospital services, since all active and deleted edits will appear in the single Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file on each website. **The edits previously contained in the Mutually Exclusive edit file are NOT being deleted but are being moved to the Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file.**

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR8376, issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2733CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Refer to the CMS NCCI webpage for additional information at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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