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## **Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 14.3, Effective October 1, 2008**

**Note: This article was revised on January 23, 2018, to update Web addresses. All other information remains the same.**

### **Provider Types Affected**

Physicians who submit claims to Medicare Carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

### **Background**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6169, which provides a reminder for physicians to take note of the quarterly updates to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits.

The National Correct Coding Initiative developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (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 (AMA'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.

### **Key Points**

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The latest package of CCI edits, Version 14.3, will be effective October 1, 2008. Version 14.3 of the CCI edits will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996 to the present and will be organized into two tables:

- Column 1/Column 2 Correct Coding Edits; and
- Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits

Additional information about CCI, including the current CCI and MEC edits, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html>.

## Additional Information

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The CCI and MEC file formats are defined in the Medicare Claims Processing 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.

The official instruction, CR6169, issued to carriers and A/B MACs regarding this update may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1598CP.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC 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>.

## Document History

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