

# CMS Manual System

## Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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Change Request 4308

**SUBJECT: Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.1, Effective April 1, 2006**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This is a recurring update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.1, Effective April 1, 2006.

### NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

**EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2006**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2006**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED – *Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
N/A	

### III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

### IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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# Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The latest package of Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 12.1, effective April 1, 2006, will be available via the CMS Data Center (CDC). A test file will be available on or about January 31, 2006, and the final file will be available on or about February 14, 2006.

Version 12.1 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 Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits.

**A. Background:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services developed the National Correct Coding Initiative to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.

**B. Policy:** The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association’s 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.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement*

*“Should” denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4308.1	The regional office correct coding initiative (RO CCI) representatives should access the files from the CDC in the same manner they downloaded the previous versions. The filenames for the regions are:			X						RO

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F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	<p>Test File:</p> <p><a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.TEST01.V121</a>  <a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V121</a></p> <p>Final File:</p> <p><a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V121</a>  <a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V121</a></p>								
4308.2	<p>Carriers shall use specific job control language in order to access Version 12.1 through the Network Data Mover. The filenames for the carriers are:</p> <p>Test File:</p> <p><a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST01.V121</a>  <a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V121</a></p> <p>Final File:</p> <p><a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V121</a>  <a href="#">MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V121</a></p>			X					
4308.3	<p>The CCI adds, deletes, and modifier indicator change lists will be forthcoming via electronic mail on or about February 22, 2006. The RO CCI representatives shall forward this listing to the carriers.</p>			X					RO
4308.4	<p>Carriers shall maintain the CCI and MEC file formats contained in Pub. 100-04, Chapter 23, Section 20.9.</p>			X					

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F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
4308.5	Carriers should not search their files to either retract payment or to retroactively pay claims.			X						
4308.6	Carriers shall adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.			X						
4308.7	If carriers foresee any problems with loading the CCI files, they should load the files 2 - 3 days prior to the effective date (including weekends).			X						

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
4308.8	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn			X						

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F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

**C. Interfaces: N/A**

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**

**E. Dependencies: N/A**

**F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<b>Effective Date*:</b> April 1, 2006 <b>Implementation Date:</b> April 3, 2006 <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Val Allen (410) 786-7443 <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Val Allen	<b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</b>
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