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To: All Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs)

From: Jennifer Dupee, Director

Re: Reminders Regarding Voluntary Adoption of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits

CMS administers the NCCI program to promote national correct coding methodologies and reduce improper coding that can lead to improper payments in the Medicare Part B and Medicaid programs. NCCI edits, therefore, are developed to be consistent with the policies within the Medicare fee-for-service and Medicaid programs.

NCCI edits are subject to revisions and deletions due to coding changes, CMS policies, and public comments. These edit revisions may be effective in the next version of the relevant edit file or may be retroactively effective to a date in the past. As such, if any other payer voluntary chooses to adopt NCCI edits, including an MAO, CMS encourages that payer to keep up to date with any edit changes that occur throughout the year and to process claims consistent with those changes, including retroactively adjusting paid or denied claims as appropriate.

For more information about Medicare NCCI edits, please see our [homepage](#) and [frequently asked questions](#).

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