

Attention DME Providers

National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure to Procedure Edits

To Be Implemented for DME Providers

The Affordable Care Act requires that States incorporate NCCI edits and methodologies for Medicaid claims processing. These edits are being implemented for DME services in the coming months. DME NCCI code pairs can be found on the CMS Medicaid website, <http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/data-and-systems/national-correct-coding-initiative.html>.

Procedure to procedure edits are defined as pairs of HCPCS/CPT codes that should not be reported together. These NCCI edits are applied to services performed by the same provider for the same recipient on the same date of service. When appropriate, modifiers may be applied to further describe the clinical scenario. Louisiana Medicaid's claims processing system is updated to accept all NCCI-associated modifiers.

Providers may **NOT** bill recipients for services denied by NCCI edits.

Providers could expect to see denials on procedures that may have previously paid when billed in the same manner. For NCCI edits, the decision on which procedure code of a code pair is payable is determined by CMS. CMS updates these edits quarterly. DME providers may see new edit messages that pertain specifically to the NCCI edits. Currently these are:

- 731-'CCI: Procedure incidental to another current procedure.'
- 759-'CCI: Procedure incidental to a procedure in history.'
- 982-'CCI: History procedure incidental to current-history voided.'

Each Bayou Health prepaid plan is required to implement NCCI editing, but may have slightly different implementation schedules and billing policy related to the mandate. Please contact each prepaid health plan for information specific to that plan.

Please continue to refer to notices on www.lamedicaid.com for additional information as this transition occurs. Providers are also encouraged to access information related to NCCI editing on the CMS website, www.cms.gov, under the Medicaid link by entering 'NCCI' in the search box.

For questions related to this information as it pertains to legacy Medicaid or Bayou Health Shared Savings plans' claims processing, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.