

## Louisiana Medicaid Announces New Claims Editing Capabilities

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It is the intent of Louisiana Medicaid when possible, to employ nationally recognized methods to improve claims processing accuracy and consistency. With that goal in mind, Louisiana Medicaid is pleased to announce the planned implementation of the McKesson ClaimCheck® claims editing product and the provider reference tool known as Clear Claim Connection™. These products will supplement our current claims processing system, especially as related to professional and outpatient hospital claims.

The ClaimCheck software is designed to evaluate billing information and coding accuracy on submitted claims. ClaimCheck's procedure edits are guided by widely accepted industry practices and compares submitted claims to standard American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding guidelines, many Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) standards, and specialty society standards. This software introduces an automated method to aid in the automated application of Louisiana Medicaid medical and claims policies and allows for consistency and accurate processing of claims. It is designed to spot irregularities such as unbundling, mutually exclusive procedures, and incidental procedures. It also evaluates the coding accuracy in areas such as pre and post surgery periods, modifier usage, and assistant surgery editing. Please be aware that, as part of the on-going process, Louisiana Medicaid will be reviewing our policies and some modifications will be made as appropriate. Providers will be notified of any changes to current policy.

Clear Claim Connection is a web-based reference tool that enables providers to access editing rules and the clinical rationale for the ClaimCheck edits. When the ClaimCheck implementation occurs the Clear Claim Connection application will be located on the Medicaid website.

We are in the initial stages of development and will regularly provide updated information to providers via a link on the Louisiana Medicaid website, [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com), remittance advice messages, and other forms of communication. Providers are strongly encouraged to monitor the Medicaid website for the most up to date information once the link has been established.

It is currently anticipated that the effective date of processing claims using the ClaimCheck product will be mid-May 2010.