



OB Providers: New NCCI Edits on Codes H0049 and H0050

(Alcohol and/or Drug Screening/Brief Intervention)

The next update to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits may result in the denial of HCPCS codes H0049 (Alcohol and/or Drug Screening) and H0050 (Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention per 15 minutes). NCCI editing considers them to be incidental to Evaluation and Management services.

It is the intent and policy of Louisiana Medicaid to continue to reimburse for H0049 and H0050. When these services are appropriately performed on the same date of service as Evaluation and Management services (E/M), the E/M service may be submitted with modifier 25. Documentation in the clinical record must substantiate each service.

There has been no change in policy regarding the use and frequency of H0049 and H0050. These codes are only reimbursable when billed with modifier -TH and reimbursement for these services is restricted to once per pregnancy.

For questions related to this clarification, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.