



## Reactivation of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits for Preventive Care and Immunization Administration Codes

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Effective with the remittance of April 29, 2014, Louisiana Medicaid fee for service processing (legacy and Bayou Health Shared Plans) must reactivate the NCCI edits for preventive care and immunization administration code pairs based on updated CMS direction. These edits will deny the preventive medicine procedure code when billed on the same date as the immunization administration. These edits had been previously deactivated based on prior CMS guidance.

However, CMS has provided the following guidance which will allow both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service to be reimbursed when clinically appropriate, properly submitted and accurately documented.

*“If a Medicaid beneficiary receives one or more immunizations and a “significant, separately identifiable” preventive-medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service from the same provider on the same date of service, the provider’s Medicaid claim(s) should include both the immunization administration code... and the comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code...with modifier 25 appended....*

*If the provider ...bills a comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code for the same day and does not append modifier 25, the Medicaid PTP edits will deny payment of the preventive-medicine E/M code.”*

Louisiana Medicaid fee for service as described above will reimburse both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine E/M services when modifier -25 is properly appended to the preventive medicine procedure code. Documentation in the clinical record must substantiate each service. Providers can expect that when the modifier is not properly appended to the preventive medicine code in these situations, it will deny.

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.