



**Attention – LEAs and Respective Billing Agencies
National Correct Coding Initiative Medically Unlikely Edits**

The Affordable Care Act requires that state Medicaid agencies incorporate the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit methodologies for Medicaid fee-for-service claims. Previously, Louisiana Medicaid has not been able to fully implement these edits. However, a new editing product, ClaimsXten (CXT) was successfully implemented on March 31, 2023, which has allowed full implementation of the NCCI edits. LEAs and respective billing providers can now expect to see some services deny due NCCI Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) which previously have paid.

MUEs are units of service (UOS) edits, which define the maximum number of units that are likely to be reported when a service is submitted correctly for applicable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) or Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. Each line of a claim is adjudicated separately against the MUE value for the HCPCS/CPT code reported on a claim line. If the unit of service exceeds the MUE value, the entire line is denied.

Claims denied via the NCCI MUEs can be identified by the following EOB message:

809 - 'CCI: Units of service exceeds medically unlikely edit'

Providers may occasionally report UOS in excess of the MUE value by reporting the same code on more than one line of claim when medically necessary and supported by clinical documentation. Modifier usage is acceptable but will not override a MUE denial.

Providers may not bill recipients for service denied by NCCI MUE edits or use any type of Recipient Waiver of Liability or Advanced Beneficiary Notice to obtain payment from the beneficiary.

The MUE value for applicable procedure codes is determined by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These edits are updated quarterly by CMS. For more information on "The Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative," please visit the CMS website below:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-medicare-coordination/national-correct-coding-initiative-ncci/ncci-medicare>

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