

National Correct Coding Initiative

Utilization Review Editing for Practitioners and Laboratories

The eMedNY system has developed an increased ability to perform Utilization Review (UR) editing. UR edits are developed to support national practice, coding and billing standards and published Medicaid rules and policies. The edits also prevent reimbursement for duplicative and excessive services not covered by the Medicaid Program.

Important Information:

- Effective 12/3/09, practitioner and laboratory services are subject to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) UR edits.
- NCCI is utilized by Medicare and most private insurers and reflects nationally accepted correct coding standards.
- NCCI prevents inappropriate payment of services that should not be reported together for the same date of service by the same provider.
- Services that are integral to another comprehensive service are not separately reimbursable.
- Services that should never be performed with another service are not separately reimbursable.
- In certain circumstances, payment for separate patient encounters, separate anatomic sites or separate specimens is allowed if supported by the medical record and reported with an appropriate modifier.
- When claims are in conflict with NCCI, providers will receive denial message Edit 00715 *Procedure Conflicts With Prior Service*.
- For billing questions, call CSC at 1-800-343-9000.
- For NCCI educational material, lists of edits and modifiers, or concerns about specific NCCI edits, go to:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/>.
- Concerns on specific NCCI edits and applicability in New York State Medicaid must reference the claim TCN and rationale, and are sent in writing to :

NCCI Workgroup
Division of Provider Relations and Utilization Management
150 Broadway Suite 6E
Albany, NY 12204

Or via email to: dprum@health.state.ny.us with a subject line: **NCCI**