



Quarterly Update to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) Edits, Version 27.3, Effective October 1, 2021

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

CR 12340 provides the quarterly update to the NCCI PTP edits. Please be sure your billing staff is aware of the updates.

Background

CMS developed the NCCI to:

- Promote national correct coding methodologies
- Control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.

Version 27.3 will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996 to the present.

We no longer publish a Mutually Exclusive edit file on our website for either practitioner or outpatient hospital services, since all active and deleted edits will appear in the single Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file on each website. The edits previously in the Mutually Exclusive edit file aren't being deleted but are being moved to the Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file. Refer to the [CMS NCCI webpage](#) for additional information.

More Information

We issued [CR 12340](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

Review the [CMS PTP Coding Edits](#).

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

Document History

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July 14, 2021	Initial article released.

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