



Announcement

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COVID-19 CMS NCCI MUE Updates

Dear Valued Customer,

The following information applies to ClaimsXten and ClaimsXten Select. The purpose is to provide information about replacement files recently published on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiatives (NCCI) edits website, regarding the impact of quarterly procedure-to-procedure (PTP) and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) on ClaimsXten rules. Also included is information about a soon-to-be issued Content Manager release designed to address the changes.

CMS Updates:

On April 8, 2020, CMS updated the Practitioner and Outpatient MUE files, as well as the NCCI Quarterly PTP files for Practitioner and Outpatient Hospitals.

Within the replacement MUE files, CMS identified 197 CPT & HCPCS codes that were “temporarily suspended.” The codes include but are not limited to the following:

- Psychiatric diagnostic procedures
- End-stage renal disease services
- Special otorhinolaryngologic
- Psychological/neuropsychological testing
- Therapeutic procedures including occupational and physical therapy
- Non-face to face nonphysician services
- Wide range of evaluation and management services

Within the replacement Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) files, CMS identified 291,902 code pairs that were titled “deleted” for the practitioner file, and 74,144 code pairs that were titled as “deleted” for the hospital outpatient file. The code pairs include the following services:

- Emergency department visits, levels 1-5
- Domiciliary, rest home, or custodial care services, new and established patients, all levels
- Home visits, new and established patient, all levels
- Care planning for patients with cognitive impairment

- Psychological and neuropsychological testing
- Therapy services, physical and occupational therapy, all levels
- Other services such as venipuncture, burn treatments, stereotactic radiation treatment management, Injections of diagnostic/therapeutic substances lumbar or sacral

The following updates will be provided in a Content Manager release, targeted for April 16, 2020, at 6 p.m. CT:

CMS PTP Updates - Practitioner

Deletions: 291, 902

- All column 2 codes (denied) are mostly E&M codes.
- Includes mostly anesthesia codes as column 1 codes and some surgical codes.

Additions

- Per CMS replacement file, there were no additions to the correct coding edits.

Changes

- Per CMS replacement file, there were no changes in the correct coding modifier indicator from 1 to 0 or from 0 to 1 for the correct coding edits.

CMS PTP Updates – Hospital Outpatient

Deletions: 74,144

- All column 2 codes (denied) are mostly E&M codes.
- Includes mostly anesthesia codes as column 1 codes and some surgical codes

Additions

- Per CMS replacement file, there were no additions to the correct coding edits.

Changes

- Per CMS replacement file, there were no changes in the correct coding modifier indicator from 1 to 0 or from 0 to 1 for the correct coding edits.

There were no changes to the CMS DME MUE file.

The links to the CMS MUE updates as well as the CCI replacement files are noted here:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/MUE>

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/Version_Update_Changes

ClaimsXten rules and content

As a result of this expansive update from CMS, Change Healthcare has evaluated our ClaimsXten rules and content for the following conditions:

- Frequency edits sourced to a CMS MUE
- Code pair edits containing the same code pairs 'deleted' by CMS
 - (Note: The code pairs could be reversed in the deny/support code combination within our rules)

We have performed an analysis to align the Change Healthcare content with the national response from CMS and temporarily will end date the codes that are sourced to the CMS MUE in our frequency rules. Additional analysis is in process for the Change Healthcare rules where code pairs are similar or related to the CMS-deleted CCI code pairs.

Change Healthcare will monitor activity from CMS as well as the AMA closely and will make any additional changes as new information is made available. We expect that Medicare Advantage and Medicaid plans will need to make these updates to align with the CMS guidance. Commercial Health plans will need to decide if they want to align their editing to these new guidelines or if they want to continue with the edits that were in place prior to the updates. We have preserved our ability to add these edits back into the customer's configuration.

Editing:

The table below identifies the impacted rules where Change Healthcare will apply end dates as of March 31, 2020.

For clients who do not wish to accept these updates, Change Healthcare will supply all content end-dated to our internal service delivery teams as well as to our product support team.

Rule Acronym	Action	Clinical Rationale
MCARE_MUE_PRACTITIONER	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MUE_SINGLE_LINE_MADV	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MUE_MULT_LINES_MADV	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MUE_SINGLE_LINE_FACILITY	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MUE_MULT_LINES_FACILITY	End Date MUE sourced	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the

	Edits 3/31/2020	CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCARE_MUE_OUTPT_HOSP	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCAID_MUE_PRAC	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCAID_NCCI_PRAC	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as "deleted"
MCAID_MUE_OUTPATIENT	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCAID_NCCI_OUTPT_HOSP	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as "deleted"
MCAID_MUE_PRAC_STATE	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCAID_MUE_OUTPATIENT_STATE	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS MUE file to be 'temporarily suspended'
MCAID_NCCI_PRAC_STATE	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as "deleted"
MCAID_NCCI_OUTPT_HOSP_STATE	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as "deleted"

PROC_SINGLE_DOS	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule sourced to the CMS MUE and identified in the CMS MUE file to be ‘temporarily suspended’
PROC_MULT_DOS	End Date MUE sourced Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule sourced to the CMS MUE and identified in the CMS MUE file to be ‘temporarily suspended’
NTIS_ALL	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as “deleted”
NTIS_ALL_MODALOVER	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as “deleted”
OCE_CCI	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as “deleted”
OCE_CCI_MODALOVER	End Date NCCI Edits 3/31/2020	Change Healthcare will end date edits found in this rule and identified in the CMS NCCI replacement file as “deleted”

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