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## Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Script

Thank you for joining me today to learn about the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) or the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

The NCCI is located on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) Website at [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov) and is under the Medicare header in the center column.

Scroll down until the “National Correct Coding Initiative Edits” link appears under the coding header in the center of the screen. Click on the link to go to the NCCI overview page.

CMS developed the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payment of Part B claims. The overview page also has a variety of other information available. Your local carrier does not control the NCCI edits. The edits are maintained by Correct Coding Solutions, LLC.

Send any questions about why a code pair combination is on CCI, documentation about why a code pair combination should not be on CCI, or other concerns to this national contractor.

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We will focus on the physicians edits. They are located in the left-hand navigation bar of the CCI Overview page and are labeled “NCCI Edits Physicians.” Click on the link and scroll down. The edits are labeled by the procedure code range beginning at 0001T and go through the 99999. Click on “next” page to view the 90000 series for “Medicine Evaluation and Management Services” or E & M services.

Click on the “Medicine Evaluation and Management Services” link.

The next screen provides the code range, effective dates for this set of code combinations, and scrolling down provides the two different types of CCI edits.



Click on column 1/ column 2 edits. A screen appears with an agreement you must scroll to the bottom of and accept. A file download screen will pop-up and you need to click-on open.

By clicking open, you will decompress the file in an unzip software. Please make sure that you have unzip software available. Contact your IT department if you are not aware of this type of software. The unzip software opens and shows one Excel file. To open the CCI file double click on the file provided.

The Excel file will open. The procedure code listed in the first column is your payable procedure code. The procedure code listed in the second column is your non-payable procedure code.

An “\*” in the third column indicates the code pair has been on the CCI edits prior to 1996. If the edits were not in effect prior to 1996, the fourth column will provide the effective date.

The fifth column may contain a deletion date. This date indicates the code combination is no longer in effect, or was never placed into effect. If the code combination was never in effect, the effective and deletion date are the same. An “\*” in the deletion column indicates the edit for that procedure code pair is still effective.

The last column indicates if a modifier can override the code pair combination, making both codes payable on the claim. The top of the column provides you with the definitions.

- 0 – No modifier will override the CCI edit
- 1 – A modifier can be used to override the CCI edit
- 9 – The concept is not applicable

To identify which modifiers can override the CCI edits, go to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the CMS Website at <http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/> and enter CCI in the search field. In the results, scroll down until you find question number 3510. This question indicates the modifiers that can override the CCI edits. Medical records must substantiate the use of the modifier.

Remember that the frequently asked questions on CMS' Website are a great resource for finding answers to a lot of your questions.

Thank you and have a great day.