



Memo

To: Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
Date: March 3, 2014
Re: NCCI Changes to be Enforced for Vaccine Administration and Preventative Medicine E/M Visits Effective April 1, 2014

Effective April 1, 2014, for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will enforce the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure-to-procedure edits for claims with immunization administration, preventive medicine evaluation, and management (E/M) procedure codes billed on the same day.

This change is in response to a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement that was announced on December 19, 2013.

Affected claims that are processed before April 1, 2014, will not be reprocessed; however, if a provider initiates an appeal for a claim with a date of service prior to April 1, 2014, the edit will be applied.

Changes in Claims Filing for Vaccine Administration and Preventive Medicine E/M Visits

Effective January 1, 2013, CMS implemented NCCI edits that paired the preventive medicine E/M procedure codes to be denied when submitted by the same provider with the same date of service as immunization administration procedure codes unless the E/M service is a significant, separately identifiable service.

For claims that are submitted with procedure codes for an immunization administration and a preventive medicine E/M visit, providers may append modifier 25 to the preventive medicine E/M procedure code to identify a significant, separately identifiable E/M service that was rendered by the same provider on the same day as the immunization administration. Documentation that supports the provision of a significant, separately identifiable E/M service must be maintained in the client's medical record and made available to Texas Medicaid upon request.

If a claim for a preventive medicine E/M service is denied because a provider did not append modifier 25 to the procedure code when it would have been appropriate to do so, the claim may be appealed with modifier 25 appended to the preventive medicine procedure code.

Previous Article References

Providers can refer to the following previous articles published for additional information:

- “January 2013 First Quarter NCCI Updates,” posted February 22, 2013
- “Follow-up to “January 2013 First Quarter NCCI Updates,” posted March 14, 2013
- “NCCI Changes for Preventive Medicine E/M and Immunization Administration Procedure Codes,” posted July 5, 2013 .

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

Information posted February 7, 2014 at www.TMHP.com