

MEDICAID NCCI EDIT CHANGE REPORT FILES

Beginning in January 2012, CMS began posting reports on changes in new quarterly Medicaid NCCI edit files on the MII / RISSNET and Medicaid.gov websites in both Excel and Tab-Delimited ASCII text formats.

There are two Excel documents identifying changes to the PRA and OPH PTP edits from the prior quarter to the current quarter. Each PTP Excel document has three worksheets:

- Additions,
- Deletions, and
- Changes to Correct Coding Modifier Indicator.

For each Excel document, there are three related ASCII text documents, corresponding to the three worksheets in the Excel document. Therefore, there are a total of eight documents addressing changes to PTP edits.

There are three Excel documents identifying changes to the PRA, OPH, and DME MUEs. Each MUE Excel document has three worksheets:

- Additions,
- Deletions, and
- Revisions.

For each Excel document, there are three related text documents, corresponding to the three worksheets. Therefore, there are a total of 12 documents addressing changes to MUEs.

A more detailed description of the change reports and the file layouts can be found in the *Medicaid NCCI Edit Design Manual*, which is posted on the MII / RISSNET and Medicaid.gov websites.

State Medicaid agencies should utilize the change reports to identify areas of potential impact to their operations, e.g., estimating the volume of potential denials and provider inquiries and assessing the need for provider education on selected subjects. If a State determines that a particular Medicaid NCCI edit is in conflict with its laws, regulations, administrative rules, or payment policies, it may request through its CMS Regional Office CMS approval to deactivate the edit.

A State Medicaid agency should **NOT** use the change reports to make individual changes to its NCCI edits. The complete Medicaid NCCI edit files for PTP edits and MUEs that are now posted on the MII / RISSNET web site on a quarterly basis should completely replace the prior quarter's Medicaid NCCI edits in the State's system for processing its Medicaid claims. Deactivations of Medicaid NCCI edits which have been approved by CMS are implemented on the complete set of NCCI edits on a quarterly basis.