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Federal law requires state Medicaid agencies to incorporate National Correct Coding “NCCI methodologies” in their claims processing systems. NCCI is a program developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that consists of coding policies and edits that identify procedures and services performed by the same provider, for the same participant, on the same date of service.

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) incorporated Medicare’s NCCI methodologies in its claims processing system July 1, 2007, as announced in the January 23, 2007 provider information bulletin, Volume 29, No. 28 which may be accessed at http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/archive/bulletins/pdf/bulletin29-28_2007jan23.pdf.

CMS now requires that state Medicaid programs utilize Medicaid NCCI edit files. MHD will incorporate Medicaid NCCI methodologies into the claims processing system for dates of service on or after December 22, 2013. The Medicaid NCCI program has significant differences from the Medicare NCCI program.

Previously, MHD applied only the Medicare NCCI edits that pertained to physician and physician related services. **The Medicaid NCCI files include edits for outpatient hospital services and durable medical equipment services.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MHD will implement the Medicaid NCCI edits on payable codes effective December 22, 2013. Additional NCCI edits will be dependent on the 2014 Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update anticipated to be implemented by the end of January 2014. MHD will provide further details regarding NCCI and HCPCS in future provider bulletins as information becomes available.

Providers can find additional information and the current Medicaid NCCI edits on the CMS Web site at: <http://www.medicare.gov/Medicare-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Data-and-Systems/National-Correct-Coding-Initiative.html>.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896**