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TO: All Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: Billing for Multiple Services on the Same Service Date

Please share this information with professional, clinical, administrative, and billing staff.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that state Medicaid programs implement the methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI). CMS originally developed the NCCI methodologies in 1996 to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payments of Medicare claims.

The NCCI edits are effective for claims received on or after April 1, 2011, for service dates beginning 10/1/2010. Compliance with the edits may be determined prospectively (pre-payment editing that results in a claim denial) or retrospectively (post-payment editing that results in a refund request).

Nebraska Medicaid compared a sample of claims to the NCCI edits and found that most claims were compliant with the CMS expectations. One of the areas of non-compliance was multiple services or multiple service units being billed on the same service date by the same service rendering provider. In general, NCCI says that similar services performed on the same date by the same service rendering provider are not separately reportable and that only certain units of service are likely on a service date. The NCCI allows providers to claim for clinically appropriate services by using certain modifiers. Please review the NCCI Manuals on the CMS website for specific directions on how to use modifiers.

Nebraska Medicaid will continue to publish updates and informational materials as they become available. If you have questions, please contact Anne Harvey via e-mail at anne.harvey@nebraska.gov or via phone at (402)471-1718.