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TO: All Medicaid Providers

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RE: Nebraska Medicaid Implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative Edits

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

Section 6507 of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (Health Care Reform) mandates that States will use the methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative effective for claims filed on or after October 1, 2010.

The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) was implemented in 1996 for Medicare claims. The NCCI is a set of claim edits designed to prevent improper payment when incorrect procedure code combinations are reported as well as for medically unlikely units of service. The edits are updated quarterly and CMS publishes the edits via their website. For additional information on the NCCI, go to the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/>

On September 1, 2010, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to States that allows some flexibility in Medicaid implementation of NCCI. Nebraska Medicaid is reviewing alternatives for implementation and will provide additional information as plans are formalized.

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