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TO: All Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), New HCPCS Modifiers established on January 1, 2013

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

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services established two new HCPCS modifiers on January 1, 2013, to add to the list of designated Procedure to Procedure associated modifiers for Medicaid fee-for-service claims subject to the Practitioner and Outpatient Hospital edits:

LM- LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

RI- RAMUS INTERMEDIUS CORONARY ARTERY

The following two existing CPT modifiers are added to the list of designated PTP-associated modifiers for Medicaid fee-for-service claims subject to Practitioner (PRA) edits, but not for claims subject to Outpatient Hospital (OPH) edits:

24- UNRELATED EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE BY THE SAME PHYSICIAN DURING A POSTOPERATIVE PERIOD

57- DECISION FOR SURGERY

According to the NCCI manual, a modifier should not be appended to a HCPCS/CPT code solely to bypass an NCCI edit if the clinical circumstances do not justify its use.

Information about the National Correct Coding Initiative is available on the Department's website at http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_ncci.aspx or by contacting Lea Clauss at lea.clauss@nebraska.gov or (402)471-1019.