



TO: Physicians, APRNs, and Clinics

RE: Modifier 25 No Longer Required To Bypass NCCI Edit

Effective January 1, 2013 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced a National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit that did not permit payment of both a preventive medicine procedure code and a vaccine administration code on the same date of service. Previously, as stated in PB 2013-06 “NCCI Edit”, providers were required to bill with modifier 25 (Significant, separately identifiable E/M service by the same physician...) on the second detail in order to bypass the edit whenever a preventive medicine code and vaccine administration code were being billed on the same date of service.

CMS is now allowing state Medicaid agencies to deactivate the Medicaid NCCI edit for preventive medicine code and vaccine administration code retroactive to January 1, 2013.

HP has updated their claims processing system. Claims submitted after August 14, 2013 for dates of service January 1, 2013 and forward, will no longer require Modifier 25 billed on the second detail in order for both details to pay.

