January 2015 First Quarter NCCI Updates

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Note: This article applies to claims submitted to TMHP for processing. For claims processed by a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO), providers must refer to the MCO for information about benefits, limitations, prior authorization, and reimbursement.

On January 29, 2015, the first quarter 2015 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) updates will be implemented for claims processed by TMHP for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Providers may refer to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Data-and-Systems/National-Correct-Coding-Initiative.html for the updated Medicaid NCCI rules, relationships, and general information. A link to the CMS Medicaid NCCI website is also available on the Code Updates – NCCI Compliance web page.

Providers are encouraged to monitor the CMS website regularly for updates to the Medicaid NCCI rules and guidelines.

Claims processed by TMHP from January 1, 2015, through January 28, 2015, that were affected by the CMS effective date of the NCCI first quarter changes will be reprocessed. Payments may be decreased for NCCI code pairs or Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) that have been added or payments may be increased for NCCI code pairs or MUEs that have been deleted.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.