

Immunization Administrations and Preventive Medicine Services

On January 1, 2013, new Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits were implemented in the Medicare and Medicaid NCCI that paired the immunization administration codes as column one codes with preventive medicine Evaluation & Management (E&M) service codes as column two codes. All of the edits have a Correct Coding Modifier Indicator (CCMI) of "1", which permits the edit to be bypassed, if a PTP- associated modifier is correctly appended to one of the CPT codes.

- The CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) promotes national correct coding methodologies and reduces improper coding which may result in inappropriate payments of Medicare Part B claims and Medicaid claims.
- If a significant separately identifiable Evaluation and Management (E & M) service is performed along with a vaccine administration on the same date of service the appropriate modifier must be reported on the E & M procedure code being billed.
- Claims submitted not following these guidelines will be denied.

Medicaid NCCI Editing Guidelines:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Data-and-Systems/National-Correct-Coding-Initiative.html>

Medicare NCCI Program:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index.html>.