

August 28, 2019

Dear Ms. Kornack:

Thank you for your inquiry dated August 13, 2019 regarding the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) program. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) owns the NCCI program and is responsible for all decisions regarding its contents. Capitol Bridge, LLC, is the NCCI program contractor, and is responsible for developing, revising, and maintaining NCCI edits, responding to inquiries regarding the NCCI program, and promoting program integrity and compliance.

In your correspondence, you inquired about the Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) for 97151 (Behavior identification assessment, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional, each 15 minutes of the physician's or other qualified health care professional's time face-to-face with patient and/or guardian(s)/caregiver(s) administering assessments and discussing findings and recommendations, and non-face-to-face analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan).

We can confirm for you that Medicaid MUE for this CPT code are as follows:

Practitioner (PRA) = 32

Outpatient Hospital (OPH) = 32

All available MUE edit tables for Medicaid for the most recent quarter are published on CMS's website at:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/edit-files/index.html>

CMS only posts the most current quarter file and the previous quarter's file. The most recent quarter file is the most current file for all published edits. Please ensure you check the file which applies to the current timeframe.

We can confirm that traditional FFS Medicaid files are up to date. Please know that some commercial or third-party payers have opted to utilize NCCI edits and MUE values. However, this use does not fall under CMS's jurisdiction, and CMS has no control over the use or misuse of NCCI edits by commercial payers; (including Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.) To achieve the answer to your question, we recommend that you contact your payer directly.

Thank you for your inquiry, and we hope that you have found this information helpful.

Sincerely,
NCCI Program

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