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## NCCI MUE edits deactivated for certain ABA therapy procedure codes in CoreMMIS

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in IHCP *Bulletin* [BT201687](#) that it was seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to deactivate the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Practitioner Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) for limits on certain Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services. The IHCP has received approval from the CMS to deactivate the NCCI Practitioner MUE edit for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®<sup>1</sup>) codes 96150, 96151, 96152, 96154, and 96155 when these codes are billed with the appropriate ABA therapy modifiers. The CMS denied the request to deactivate the edit for CPT code 96153 due to minimal claim volume. Providers can refer to IHCP *Bulletin* [BT201606](#) for information about the ABA therapy modifiers and related billing guidance.

With the implementation of the Core Medicaid Management Information System (CoreMMIS) claim-processing system, fee-for-service (FFS) claims billed for codes 96150, 96151, 96152, 96154, and 96155 along with the appropriate ABA modifiers will not deny for the Practitioner MUE edit. FFS claims billed for code 96153 that exceed the Practitioner MUE limit of eight units will continue to deny for explanation of benefits (EOB) 4183 – *Units of service on the claim exceed the medically unlikely edit (MUE) allowed*. Providers receiving this denial may submit a request for an administrative review to allow the claim to pay, as instructed in [BT201687](#).

Although the IHCP is deactivating the Practitioner MUE edit for the previously identified ABA therapy services in the new CoreMMIS, the IHCP will continue to restrict the allowable number of units for procedure codes 96150-96155 when these codes are billed without an ABA therapy modifier.

- Claims processed in CoreMMIS for codes 96150, 96153, and 96154, without an ABA modifier, will be limited to eight units per the NCCI Practitioner MUE edit.
- Claims processed in CoreMMIS for 96151, 96152, and 96155 without an ABA modifier, will be limited to six units per the NCCI Practitioner MUE edit. NOTE: The six-unit limit for these procedure codes corrects information originally communicated in [BR201605](#) and applies to claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, that are processed in CoreMMIS.

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**QUESTIONS?**

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