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Notification of Pregnancy code and modifier (99354 TH) denying for NCCI MUE

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) complies with existing state policies, as well as state and national billing guidelines. However, there is currently a conflict between state and national billing guidelines regarding the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edit for Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®1]) code 99354 – *Prolonged evaluation and management or psychotherapy service(s) (beyond the typical service time of the primary procedure) in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service, first hour* and modifier TH – *Obstetrical treatment/services, prenatal or postpartum* when billed with an evaluation and management (E/M) service.

The IHCP is currently seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to deactivate the NCCI medically unlikely edit (MUE) for NOP code **99354** and modifier **TH**. Until the IHCP receives approval, claim details billed with this code may deny across all managed care health plans when billed with an E/M service (procedure codes 99202–99215).

The IHCP encourages providers to continue submitting the NOP form through the IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal and to submit claims as outlined in the IHCP's *Obstetrical and Gynecological Services* provider reference module available at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Providers will have their claims mass reprocessed by managed care entities (MCEs) to pay within 60 days of the deactivation request's approval by the CMS. For claim payment consideration, providers may file a dispute with the MCE to have the claim paid in advance of the deactivation request's approval by the CMS.

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