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CMS clarifies that MCEs can continue to bypass NCCI edit causing NOP claims to deny

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in *IHCP Bulletin BT202146* that claims would be denied for Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) due to a conflict between state and national billing guidelines regarding the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edit for 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 received clarification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that managed care entities (MCEs) can continue to bypass the edit for NOP code **99354** and modifier **TH**.

Providers may continue to submit 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.
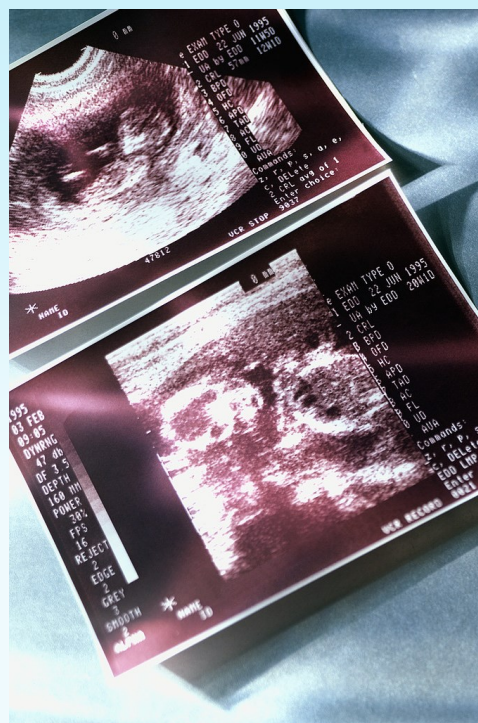
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