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National Correct Coding Initiative scheduled to implement October 1, 2010

In the 1990s, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payment. The correct coding policies were created based on coding conventions derived from a variety of sources, such as the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) Guidelines, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices, and a review of current coding practices. The NCCI has been in place for Medicare for many years; providers that deliver services to Medicare recipients are likely familiar with the editing content of these coding methodologies.

The recent healthcare legislation passed into law (*H.R. 3962*), requires that Medicaid programs incorporate compatible methodologies of the NCCI into their claims processing system. *Section 1761 – Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative – of H.R. 3962* mandates NCCI methodologies must be effective for claims filed on or after October 1, 2010. As such, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has embarked on a project to bring NCCI edits and other compatible methodologies into claims processing; initial editing will encompass three basic coding concepts: ■ NCCI Column I and Column II edits ■ Mutually Exclusive (ME) edits and ■ Medical Unlikely Edits (MUE).

Not all correct coding methodologies are reflected in the NCCI edit files. The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) plans to implement additional claim editing methodologies in the future that include generally accepted code

auditing principles and standards (for example, global surgical period rules, new patient rules, age and gender edits, and other).

For additional details regarding NCCI, and implementation and effective dates, watch IHCP publications such as banner pages, bulletins, and newsletters, and check out the IHCP Web site at www.indianamedicaid.com.

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Take a Site Tour of the new IHCP Web site

Regardless of how you serve Indiana’s nearly 1 million Medicaid members, you’re sure to find helpful information, up-to-date news, and valuable links to other resources on the IHCP Web site, newly revised and updated in July 2010.

We encourage you to take some time to explore the new site and familiarize yourself with the many ways Medicaid works for the state of Indiana and for providers like you—start by clicking on the [Site Tour](#).

The Site Tour is a good place to begin exploring the new provider Web site.

Workshops for community health centers

Provider Relations will present regional workshops for community health center providers in July. Providers may choose any of the following dates to attend.

Community health center workshop dates

Date and time	Location
July 26, 2010, 1 – 3 p.m.	St. Catherine’s Hospital Professional Office Building, Conference Room, 4321 Fir Street, East Chicago, IN 46312
July 27, 2010, 9 – 11 a.m.	Indiana University School of Dentistry, Room DS 114, 1121 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186
July 29, 2010, 10 a.m. – noon	Paoli Medical Arts Building, Education Classroom, 488 W. Hospital Road, Paoli, IN 47454

This is an excellent opportunity to become more familiar with Medicaid community health center billing policies, procedures, tools, and methodology. The agenda includes:

- Service coverage
- Service definition
- Eligibility verification
- Billing procedures
- Care Select, third-party liability (TPL), risk-based managed care (RBMC), and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) considerations
- Top denials for community health center claims

To register for the community health center workshop, [click here](#).

July workshop for dental, home health, and hospice providers

Provider Relations has scheduled a provider workshop July 12 for home health, hospice, and dental providers. The workshop will be at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, 4215 Holy Cross Parkway, Mishawaka. The morning session focuses on home health and hospice education, and the afternoon session on the dental provider community.

Home health/hospice providers – *Home Health: 9 – 10 a.m.; Hospice: 10:10 – 11:30 a.m.* This is an excellent opportunity to become more familiar with Medicaid home health and hospice policies, procedures, and billing tools and methodology. The agenda includes benefit coverage, prior authorization requirements, billing procedures, eligibility requirements, reimbursement methodology, hospice process, and common denials.

Dental providers – *1:00 – 3:30 p.m.* This is an excellent opportunity to become more familiar with Medicaid dental policies, procedures, and billing tools and methodology. The agenda includes a live demonstration and a discussion of Web interChange, including spend-down, managed care, third-party liability and qualified Medicare beneficiary eligibility, dental cap, and benefit limitations.

Providers can enroll in the workshop online at www.indianamedicaid.com under **Provider Services > Education Opportunities > Workshop Registration**. If you have questions, please call Provider Relations at (317) 488-5072.



The IHCP offers third-quarter workshops

The IHCP offers quarterly provider workshops free of charge. Sessions about provider enrollment and updating your provider information, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT), and Indiana *Care Select* (including prior authorization, Indiana *Care Select* quality measures, and how MCOs can prepare for 2011) are on this quarter's agenda. For workshop descriptions, dates, locations, and registration deadlines, visit www.indianamedicaid.com. To register, [click here](#). If you have questions about a workshop, please contact a field consultant at (317) 488-5072.

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