

CHANGE OF CCMI FOR MEDICAID NCCI PRA PTP EDITS
FOR CPT PSYCHOTHERAPY CODES 90847 / 90832 – 90838

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The Medicaid NCCI Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edit files for the fourth quarter of 2014 included edits that pair CPT code 90847 (family psychotherapy with patient present) as the column-one code with CPT codes 90832 – 90838 (psychotherapy with patient and / or family member) as the column-two codes. The practitioner (PRA) edits have a correct coding modifier indicator (CCMI) of “0” and the outpatient hospital (OPH) edits have a CCMI of “1”. These edits had an effective date of October 1, 2014.

As a result of deactivation requests and inquiries from a few states, CMCS has reconsidered these edits and has decided to change the PRA CCMI for these PTP edits from “0” to “1” in the Medicaid NCCI program only. These changes will be made in the Medicaid NCCI edit files for the second quarter of 2015, but will be retroactive to the original effective date of these edits on October 1, 2014.

Since the CCMI for both the PRA and OPH edits will now be “1”, providers should append an appropriate PTP-associated modifier to one of the codes in their Medicaid claims, if both services are provided to a Medicaid beneficiary by the same provider on the same date of service in distinct sessions. Doing so will permit the claim to bypass the Medicaid NCCI PTP edits for these codes, so that both sessions will be reimbursed by the state’s Medicaid program.

States are permitted to make individual case exceptions to denials of Medicaid payment resulting from the current Medicaid NCCI edits, as described in section 7.1.1 of the CMS technical guidance document on state implementation of the Medicaid NCCI methodologies.