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# Montana Health Care Programs Notice

## Physician, Mid-Level Practitioner, ASC, Outpatient Hospital, Dialysis Clinic, FQHC, and RHC

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### Changes to Procedure Code Indicators

The Department is reviewing and changing many procedure code indicators to provide consistency among all programs and ensure correct coding. Changes that may be made during this review include which codes require prior authorization, which codes suspend for medical review, which codes are not allowed, and unit amounts. Posted fee schedules may not reflect all changes during this review.

Providers who have questions about claims during this review should contact designated Department personnel for claims review:

Physicians and mid-levels: Brenda Beardslee, (406) 444-3337, [BBeardslee2@mt.gov](mailto:BBeardslee2@mt.gov)

Hospitals and clinics: Kathi Salome, (406) 444-7002, [KSalome@mt.gov](mailto:KSalome@mt.gov)

The Department encourages correct coding by editing claims based on the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and setting indicators connected to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes, such as maximum units allowed. The Department implemented additional changes to the NCCI and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) on November 1, 2010, as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). See the October 5, 2010, provider notice *Changes to NCCI Edits* for more information.

### Contact Information

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Provider Relations:

**1-800-624-3958 (Toll-free in- and out-of-state)**

**(406) 442-1837 (Helena)**

**E-mail: <mailto:mMTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com>**

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