Effective Retroactively to January 1, 2020

National Correct Coding Initiative Announcement

Montana Healthcare Programs is continually working to improve safe access to Medicaid services throughout the public health emergency. This provider notice is to notify providers of changes to updated procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs), and retroactive claim adjustments during the statewide emergency declared in Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020. These changes are retroactively effective January 1, 2020 and changes will remain in effect until further guidance is received from CMS.

Updated PTP edits and Medically Unlikely Edits

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, retroactive to January 1, 2020 resulting in the temporary deletion of some PTP and MUE edits. Please refer to the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) page for more information.

Retroactive Claim Adjustments

These updates will allow some codes that would have previously denied as duplicate, to be billed and reimbursed for services that occurred on the same day. Montana Medicaid will be adjusting claims retroactively to January 1, 2020, to reprocess claims that denied for NCCI edits. In order to ensure accurate claims processing of the mass adjustment, do not resubmit claims.

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