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How to Use the Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edit Tools

School-Based Health Care Services

July 2020

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What is the National Correct Coding Initiative?

- The SBHS program follows the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods.
- NCCI assists the agency to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment.
- Not all codes are assigned a NCCI edit.

Types of NCCI Edits

- **Procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edits:**
  - Certain codes which cannot be submitted together by the same provider, for the same student, on the same date of service.
- **Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs):**
  - The maximum number of units per code that can be submitted by a provider, for the same student, on the same date of service.

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How to Access the Medicaid NCCI Edit Tools

- Access the National Correct Coding Initiative Edits webpage at: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/index.html

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Viewing NCCI Edit Information

- Click on **"Edit Files"** to access the NCCI edit files.

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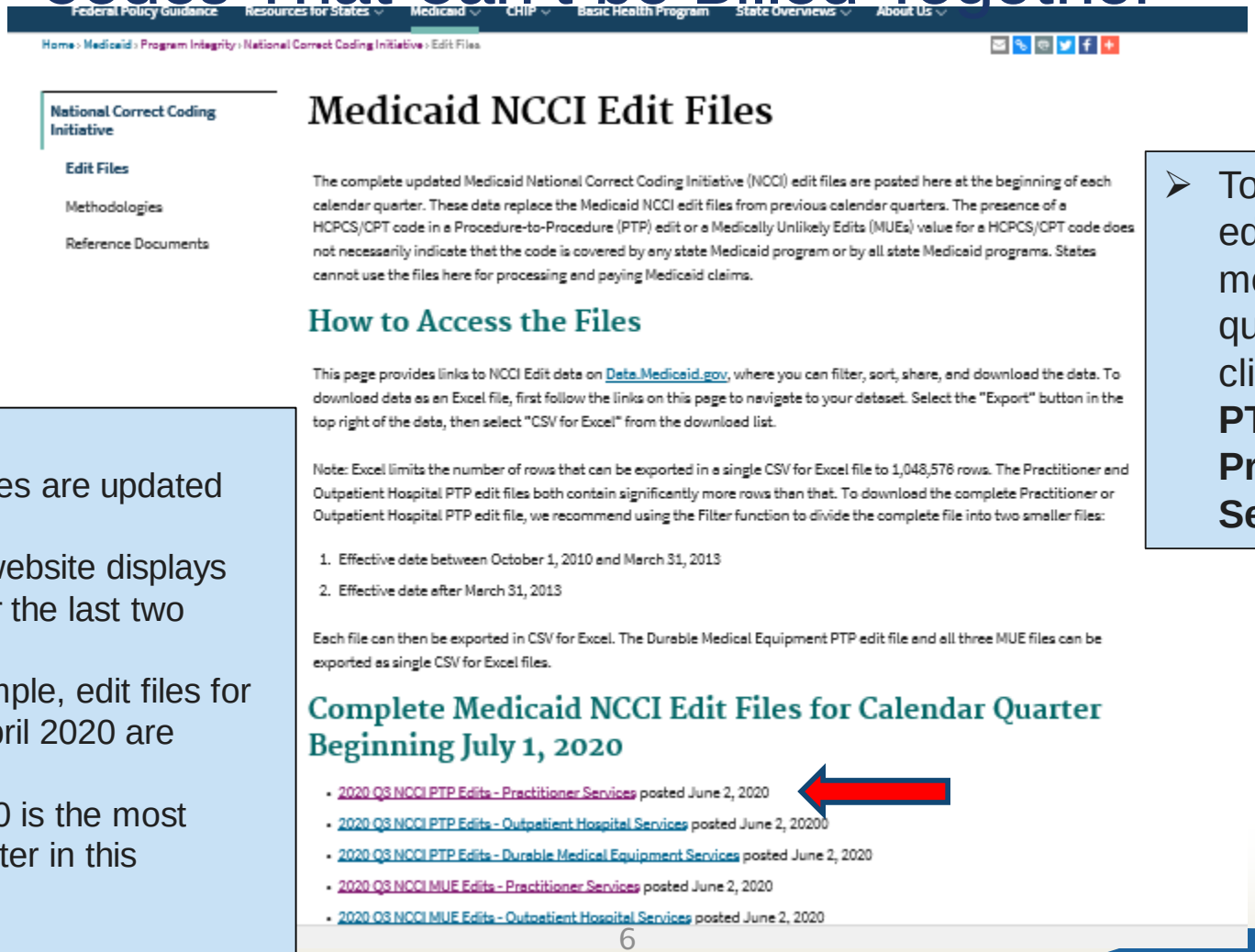
Viewing PTP Edits: Codes That Can't be Billed Together



- To view PTP edits, find the most recent quarter, and click on **NCCI PTP Edits-Practitioner Services.**

Note:

- The PTP files are updated quarterly.
- The CMS website displays edit files for the last two quarters.
- In this example, edit files for July and April 2020 are displayed.
- July 1, 2020 is the most recent quarter in this example.

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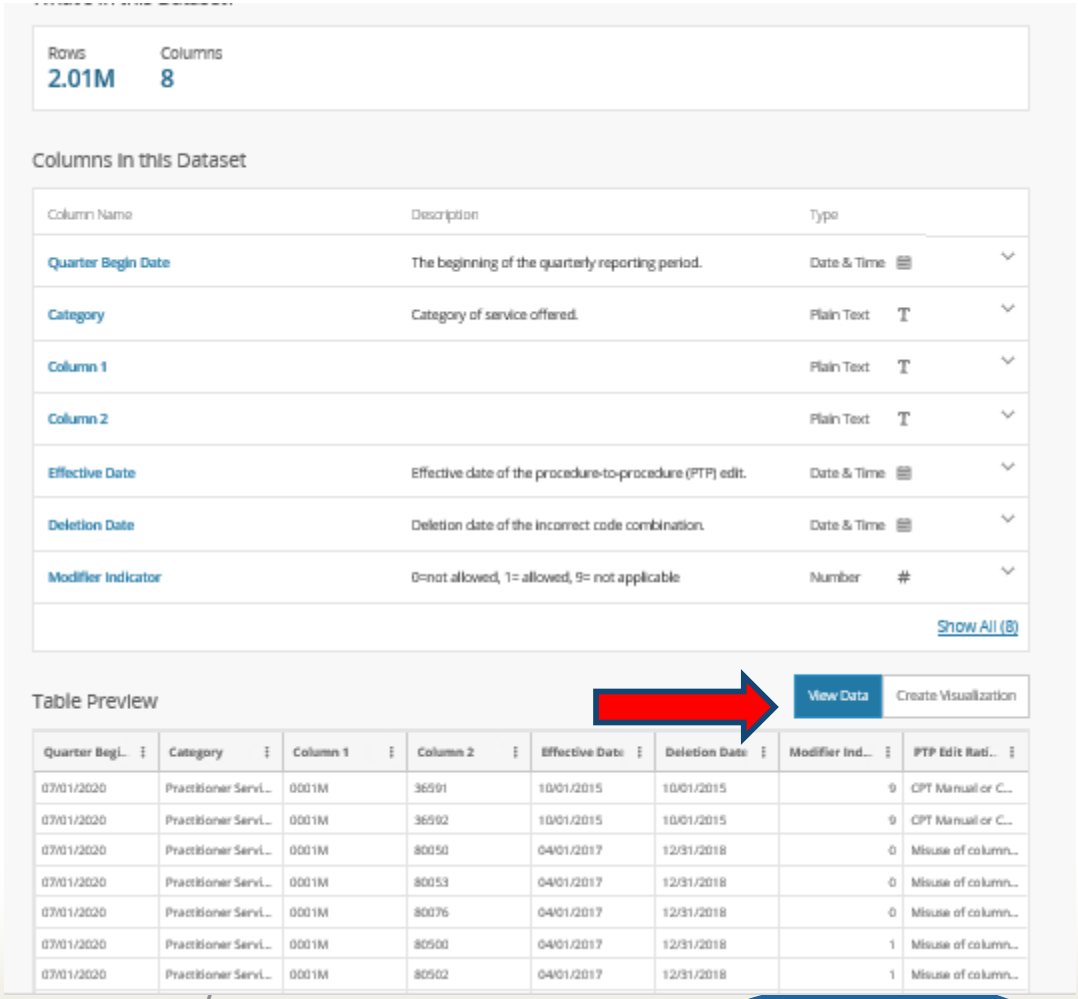
Viewing PTP Edits, cont.

- After clicking on the PTP link, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **"View Data"**.



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Columns 8

Columns in this Dataset

Column Name	Description	Type
Quarter Begin Date	The beginning of the quarterly reporting period.	Date & Time
Category	Category of service offered.	Plain Text
Column 1		Plain Text
Column 2		Plain Text
Effective Date	Effective date of the procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edit.	Date & Time
Deletion Date	Deletion date of the incorrect code combination.	Date & Time
Modifier Indicator	0=not allowed, 1= allowed, 9= not applicable	Number

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Table Preview

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Quarter Begi..	Category	Column 1	Column 2	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Modifier Ind...	PTP Edit Rati..
07/01/2020	Practitioner Servi...	0001M	36591	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	9	CPT Manual or C...
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07/01/2020	Practitioner Servi...	0001M	80076	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	0	Misuse of column...
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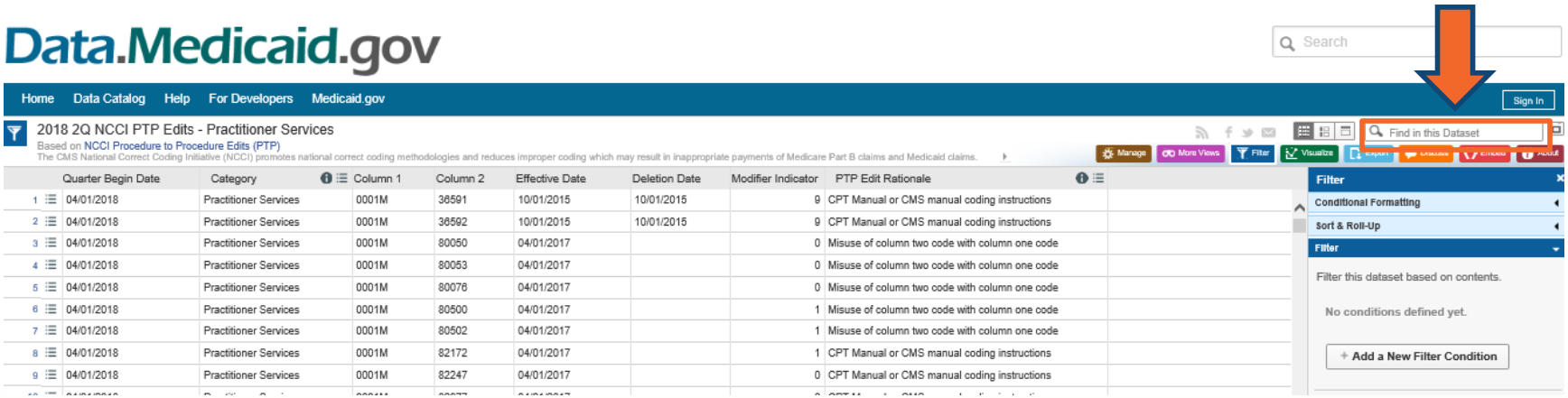
Viewing PTP Edits, cont.

- After you click on “View Data”, the following data spreadsheet will open.
- To determine if a code has a PTP edit, enter the code in the **Find in this Dataset** search bar in the upper right corner.



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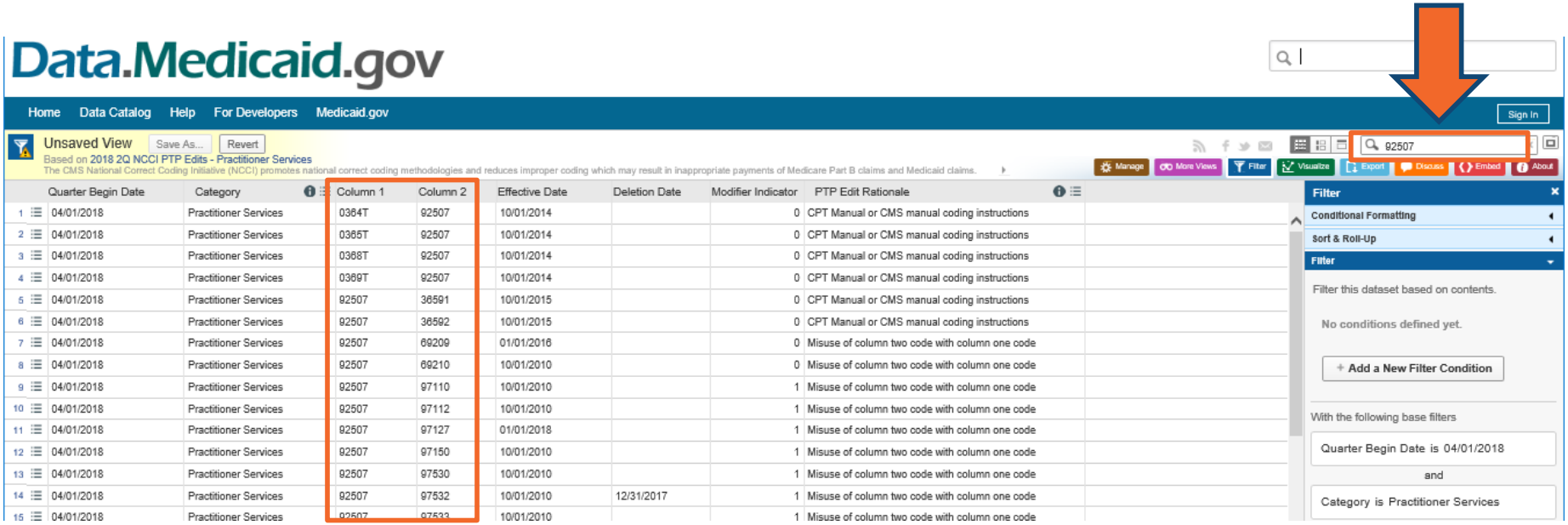
Viewing PTP Edits, cont.

- This example shows the PTP edits for **Code 92507: Speech/hearing therapy.**
- The Column 1/Column 2 tables are comprised of PTP code pairs. If a provider submits the two codes of an edit pair for payment for the same student on the same date of service, the Column 1 code is eligible for payment and the Column 2 code is denied.

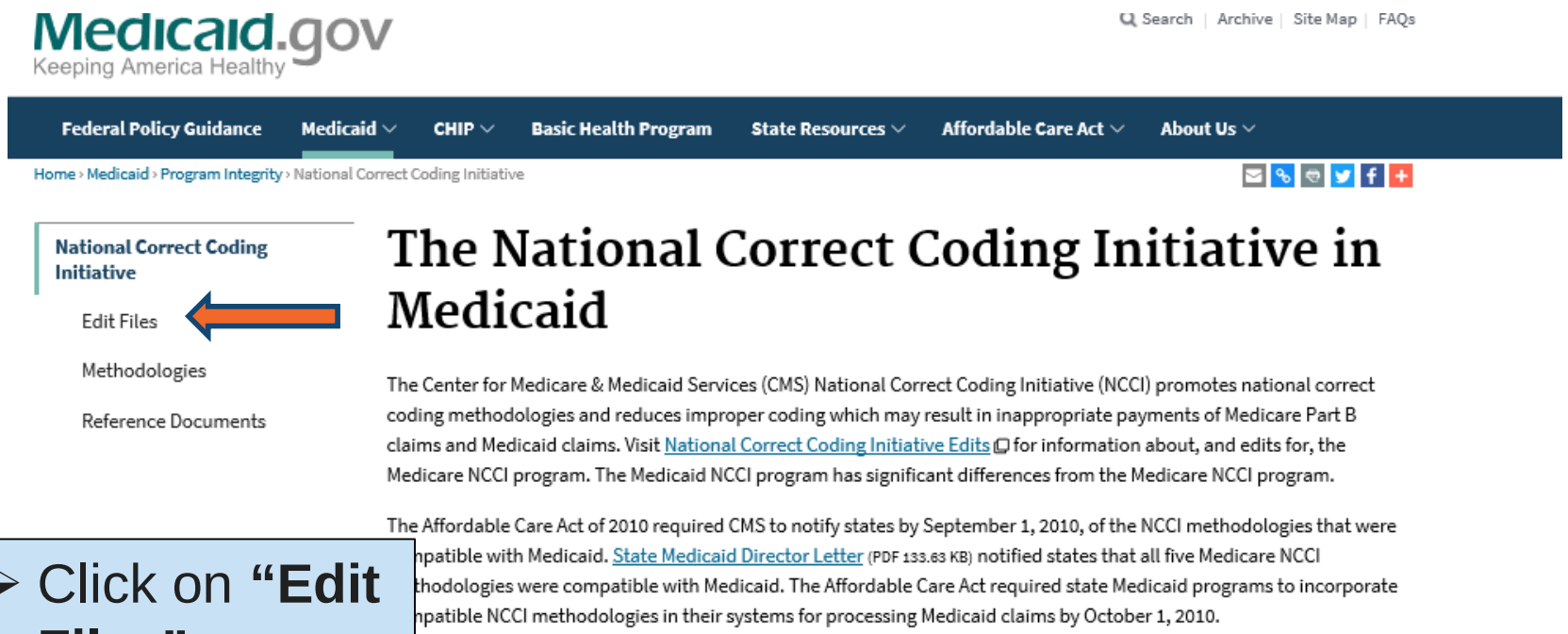


Note: The screenshot on this slide does not show all of the PTP code pairs for Code 92507. Providers should do their own search on the CMS website for a listing of all codes that cannot be billed with Code 92507.

Viewing MUE Edits: Maximum Number of Units

- Return to the CMS NCCI homepage: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/index.html

Viewing MUE Edits, cont.



- Click on **"Edit Files"**.

Viewing MUE Edits, cont.

Note:

- The MUE files are updated quarterly.
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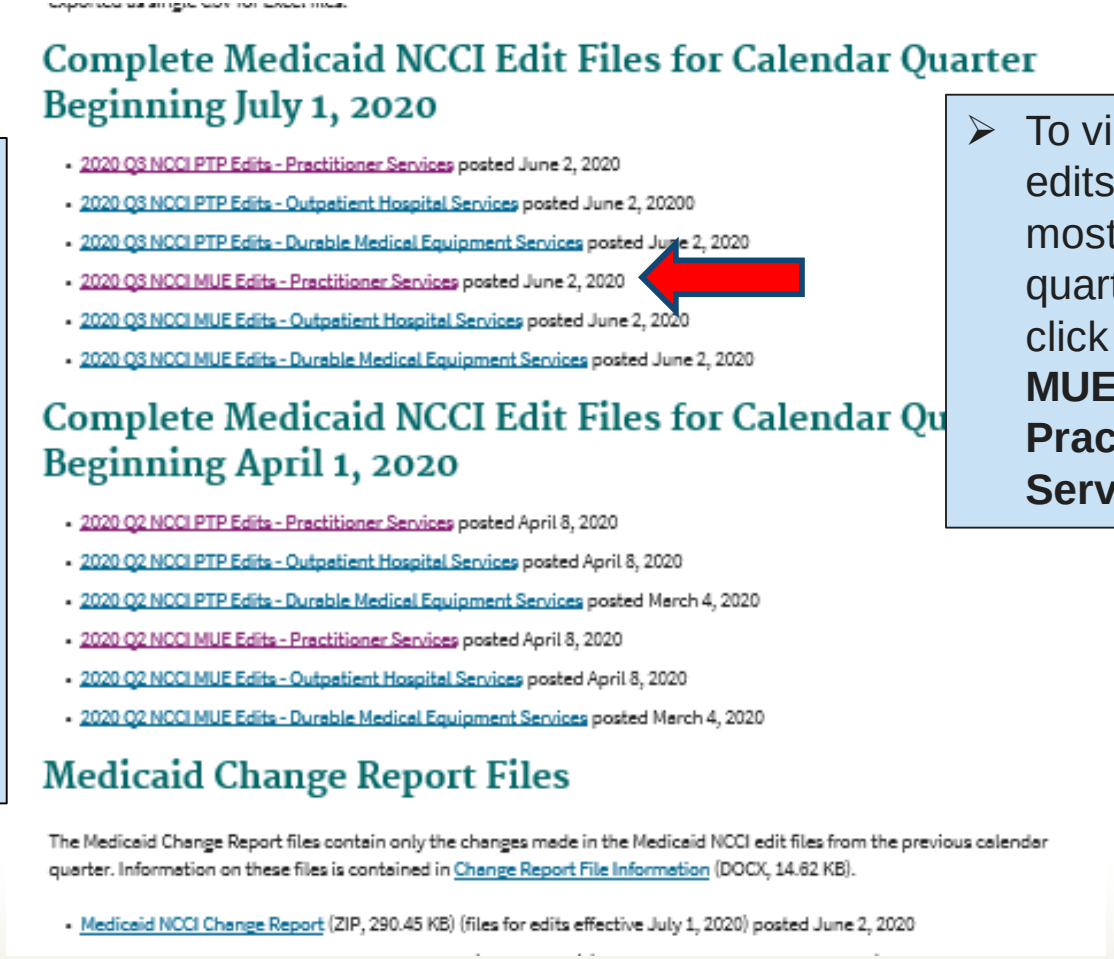

Complete Medicaid NCCI Edit Files for Calendar Quarter Beginning July 1, 2020

- 2020 Q3 NCCI PTP Edits - Practitioner Services posted June 2, 2020
- 2020 Q3 NCCI PTP Edits - Outpatient Hospital Services posted June 2, 20200
- 2020 Q3 NCCI PTP Edits - Durable Medical Equipment Services posted June 2, 2020
- 2020 Q3 NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services posted June 2, 2020
- 2020 Q3 NCCI MUE Edits - Outpatient Hospital Services posted June 2, 2020
- 2020 Q3 NCCI MUE Edits - Durable Medical Equipment Services posted June 2, 2020

Complete Medicaid NCCI Edit Files for Calendar Qu Beginning April 1, 2020

- 2020 Q2 NCCI PTP Edits - Practitioner Services posted April 8, 2020
- 2020 Q2 NCCI PTP Edits - Outpatient Hospital Services posted April 8, 2020
- 2020 Q2 NCCI PTP Edits - Durable Medical Equipment Services posted March 4, 2020
- 2020 Q2 NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services posted April 8, 2020
- 2020 Q2 NCCI MUE Edits - Outpatient Hospital Services posted April 8, 2020
- 2020 Q2 NCCI MUE Edits - Durable Medical Equipment Services posted March 4, 2020

Medicaid Change Report Files

The Medicaid Change Report files contain only the changes made in the Medicaid NCCI edit files from the previous calendar quarter. Information on these files is contained in Change Report File Information (DOCX, 14.62 KB).

- Medicaid NCCI Change Report (ZIP, 290.45 KB) (files for edits effective July 1, 2020) posted June 2, 2020

- To view MUE edits, find the most recent quarter, and click on **NCCI MUE Edits-Practitioner Services.**

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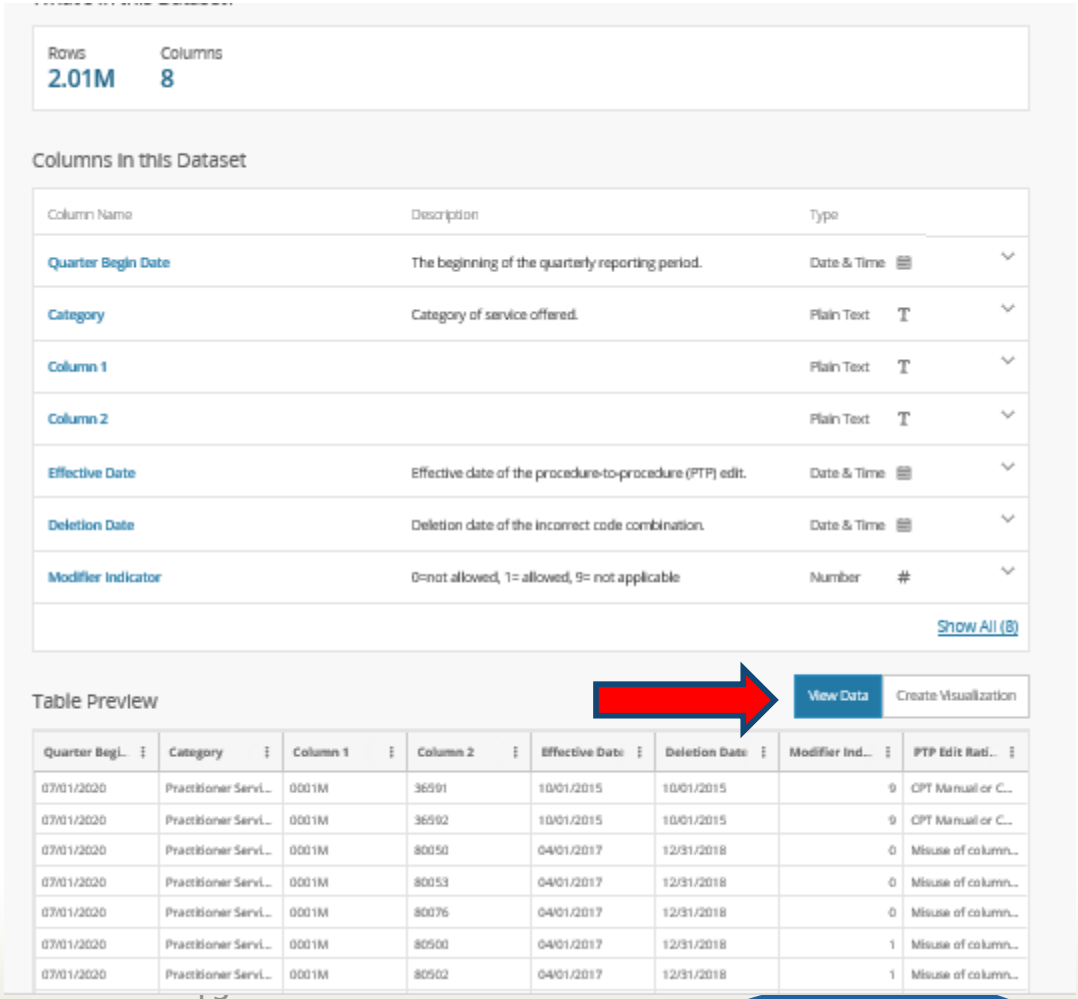

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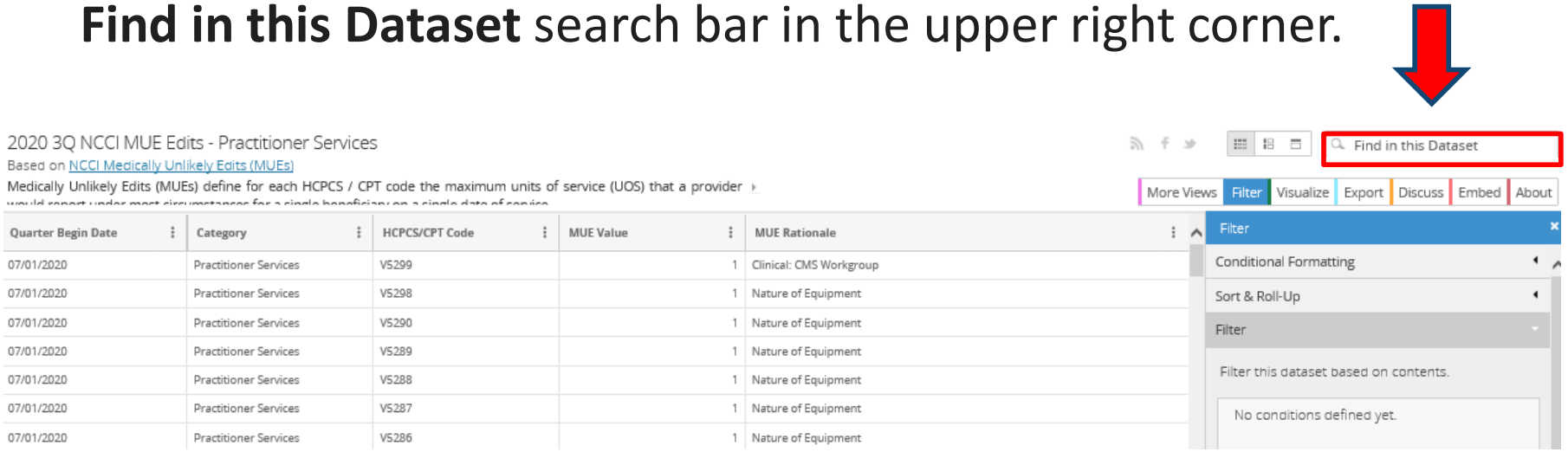

Viewing MUE Edits, cont.

- This example shows the MUE edits for untimed OT/PT **code 97150: group therapeutic procedures** and timed OT/PT **code 97530: therapeutic activities.**
- The number listed in the column **MUE Value** is the maximum number of units the code may be billed by the same provider, for the same client, on the same date of service.

Example 1: 97150

Effective July 1, 2020-March 30, 2020 the MUE is 1

2020 3Q NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services

Based on 2020 3Q NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) define for each HCPCS / CPT code the maximum units of service (UOS) that a provider

Quarter Begin Date	Category	HCPCS/CPT Code	MUE Value	MUE Rationale
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	97150	1	Clinical: Medicare Data

Example 2: 97530

Effective July 1, 2020-March 30, 2020 the MUE is 6

2020 3Q NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services

Based on 2020 3Q NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) define for each HCPCS / CPT code the maximum units of service (UOS) that a provider

Quarter Begin Date	Category	HCPCS/CPT Code	MUE Value	MUE Rationale
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	97530	6	Clinical: Medicare Data

- Based on Example 1, providers can bill a total of one unit per day, per student for code 97150.
- Based on Example 2, providers can bill a total of 6 units per day, per student for code 97530.

Claim Denials

- If a school district submits a claim with the incorrect # of units, or with an incorrect code combination, the claim will deny.
- School districts have 24 months from the original claim submission to modify and resubmit denied claims.
- If your school district contracts with a billing agent, contact your billing agent for directions on how to resubmit denied claims.
- If you are a self-billing district, contact ProviderRelations@hca.wa.gov for directions on how to resubmit denied claims.

Questions?

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