



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

School-Based Health Care Services  
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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.

# 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>

# Viewing NCCI Edit Information

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➤ Click on “Edit Files” to access the NCCI edit files.

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



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## Medicaid NCCI Edit Files

The complete updated Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit files are posted here at the beginning of each calendar quarter. These data replace the Medicaid NCCI edit files from previous calendar quarters. The presence of a HCPCS/CPT code in a Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edit or a Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) value for a HCPCS/CPT code does not necessarily indicate that the code is covered by any state Medicaid program or by all state Medicaid programs. States cannot use the files here for processing and paying Medicaid claims.

### How to Access the Files

This page provides links to NCCI Edit data on [Data.Medicaid.gov](https://Data.Medicaid.gov), where you can filter, sort, share, and download the data. To download data as an Excel file, first follow the links on this page to navigate to your dataset. Select the "Export" button in the top right of the data, then select "CSV for Excel" from the download list.

Note: Excel limits the number of rows that can be exported in a single CSV for Excel file to 1,048,576 rows. The Practitioner and Outpatient Hospital PTP edit files both contain significantly more rows than that. To download the complete Practitioner or Outpatient Hospital PTP edit file, we recommend using the Filter function to divide the complete file into two smaller files:

1. Effective date between October 1, 2010 and March 31, 2013
2. Effective date after March 31, 2013

Each file can then be exported in CSV for Excel. The Durable Medical Equipment PTP edit file and all three MUE files can be exported as single CSV for Excel files.

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

- [2020 Q3 NCCI PTP Edits - Practitioner Services](#) posted June 2, 2020
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- [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



➤ 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.

# 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 In this Dataset

Column Name	Description	Type
<a href="#">Quarter Begin Date</a>	The beginning of the quarterly reporting period.	Date & Time
<a href="#">Category</a>	Category of service offered.	Plain Text
<a href="#">Column 1</a>		Plain Text
<a href="#">Column 2</a>		Plain Text
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<a href="#">Modifier Indicator</a>	0=not allowed, 1= allowed, 5= not applicable	Number

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Quarter Beg.	Category	Column 1	Column 2	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Modifier Ind.	PTP Edit Rati.
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	36591	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	9	CPT Manual or C...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	36592	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	9	CPT Manual or C...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80050	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	0	Misuse of column...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80053	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	0	Misuse of column...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80076	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	0	Misuse of column...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80500	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	1	Misuse of column...
07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80502	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	1	Misuse of column...

# 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.

Data.Medicaid.gov

The screenshot shows the Data.Medicaid.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Data Catalog, Help, For Developers, and Medicaid.gov. Below this is a search bar with the text "Search". A large orange arrow points to a search bar labeled "Find in this Dataset" located in the upper right corner of the data view area. The main content area displays a table titled "2018 2Q NCCI PTP Edits - Practitioner Services". The table has columns for Quarter Begin Date, Category, Column 1, Column 2, Effective Date, Deletion Date, Modifier Indicator, and PTP Edit Rationale. A filter panel is open on the right side of the table, showing options for Conditional Formatting, Sort & Roll-Up, and Filter. The Filter panel is currently empty, with the text "No conditions defined yet." and a button to "Add a New Filter Condition".

Quarter Begin Date	Category	Column 1	Column 2	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Modifier Indicator	PTP Edit Rationale
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	36591	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	9	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	36592	10/01/2015	10/01/2015	9	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	80050	04/01/2017		0	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	80053	04/01/2017		0	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	80076	04/01/2017		0	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	80500	04/01/2017		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	80502	04/01/2017		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	82172	04/01/2017		1	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0001M	82247	04/01/2017		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions

# 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.

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Quarter Begin Date	Category	Column 1	Column 2	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Modifier Indicator	PTP Edit Rationale
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0384T	92507	10/01/2014		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0385T	92507	10/01/2014		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0388T	92507	10/01/2014		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	0389T	92507	10/01/2014		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	36591	10/01/2015		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	36592	10/01/2015		0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	69206	01/01/2016		0	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	69210	10/01/2010		0	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97110	10/01/2010		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97112	10/01/2010		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97127	01/01/2018		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97150	10/01/2010		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97530	10/01/2010		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97532	10/01/2010	12/31/2017	1	Misuse of column two code with column one code
04/01/2018	Practitioner Services	92507	97533	10/01/2010		1	Misuse of column two code with column one code

**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.

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

## Complete Medicaid NCCI Edit Files for Calendar Quarter 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

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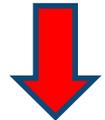


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07/01/2020	Practitioner ServL...	0001M	80502	04/01/2017	12/31/2018	1	Misuse of column...

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## 2020 3Q NCCI MUE Edits - Practitioner Services

Based on [NCCI Medically Unlikely Edits \(MUEs\)](#)

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) define for each HCPCS / CPT code the maximum units of service (UOS) that a provider would report under most circumstances for a single beneficiary on a single date of service.

Quarter Begin Date	Category	HCPCS/CPT Code	MUE Value	MUE Rationale
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5299	1	Clinical: CMS Workgroup
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5298	1	Nature of Equipment
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5290	1	Nature of Equipment
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5289	1	Nature of Equipment
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5288	1	Nature of Equipment
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5287	1	Nature of Equipment
07/01/2020	Practitioner Services	V5286	1	Nature of Equipment

The screenshot shows the top right corner of the data viewer. A search bar labeled "Find in this Dataset" is highlighted with a red box. Below it is a navigation bar with buttons for "More Views", "Filter", "Visualize", "Export", "Discuss", "Embed", and "About". A "Filter" dropdown menu is open, showing options for "Conditional Formatting", "Sort & Roll-Up", and "Filter". The "Filter" option is selected, and the filter panel shows "Filter this dataset based on contents." and "No conditions defined yet."

# 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

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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

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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 would report under most circumstances for a single beneficiary on a single date of service.

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](mailto:ProviderRelations@hca.wa.gov) for directions on how to resubmit denied claims.

# Questions?

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