



Provider Reimbursement Notice **National Correct Coding Initiative Program (NCCI) – Outpatient Facility Claims**

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Dear Outpatient Facility Providers,

As you were previously informed, OHCA has upgraded our claims processing system from Claim Check™ to ClaimsXten™. As part of this upgrade and as per CMS requirements, OHCA has also begun fully implementing National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) editing. For Professional and DME claims, this began January 1, 2022, and for **Outpatient Facility claims, this will begin May 2, 2022.**

During testing of the new system upgrades and NCCI editing for Outpatient Facility claims, it has become apparent that some of our providers are not utilizing modifiers appropriately – specifically modifiers 25 and 59 (XE, XP, XS, XU).

- **Modifier 25** is used to denote a significant, separately identifiable Evaluation and Management (E/M) service by the same physician or other qualified health care professional on the same day of a procedure or other service. More information regarding modifier 25 can be found here: www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00097341
- **Modifier 59 (XE, XP, XS, XU)** is used to indicate that a procedure or other service was distinct or independent from other non-evaluation and management (E/M) services performed on the same day. More information on modifier 59 can be found here: www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00144545&.adf.ctrl-state=86hvagjfk_4

Providers are encouraged to become familiar with NCCI modifiers and correct coding principles. Medicaid.gov website provides valuable information for providers regarding the NCCI methodologies used in the Medicaid program. Providers can find a copy of the Medicaid NCCI manuals here: www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/national-correct-coding-initiative/medicaid-ncci-reference-documents/index.html

Please make sure you are using correct coding principles, especially related to modifiers, to ensure your claims will process correctly.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call the OHCA Provider Helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.



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