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RE: National Correct Coding Initiative Program

Dear Provider,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require state Medicaid agencies to follow the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) program when adjudicating provider claims (i.e., practitioner services, ambulatory surgical center services, outpatient hospital services, and medical supplies, equipment and appliances prosthetics and orthotics (also known as durable medical equipment)). The NCCI program promotes national correct coding methodologies, such as Procedure to Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely edits (MUE), to help control improper coding that could potentially lead to inappropriate payment of Medicaid claims.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has updated our claims editing software system which incorporates national and industry coding standards including NCCI edits. Initial testing of provider claims through this new system has begun. To become fully compliant with editing requirements, OHCA will begin to incorporate all NCCI edits against the claim types mentioned above. Professional and DME claims will begin processing NCCI/PTP/MUE edits, effective Oct. 1, 2021. Outpatient facility claims are expected to process these edits in a second phase near the end of the year.

More guidance will become available as OHCA continues to move forward with complete implementation of Claims Xten™ which will fully incorporate all correct coding and NCCI edits on professional, DME and outpatient facility claims.

The Medicaid website provides valuable information for providers regarding the NCCI methodologies used in the Medicaid program. You may visit the website at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/index.html> for additional information and resources.

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

Thank you for the services that you provide to SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

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