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Dear Dr. Picus:

I am writing to alert you to some errors in the practitioner versions of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure to procedure (PTP) edits for Medicare and Medicaid. Please alert your membership if you think that they may be impacted.

As you know beginning January 1, 2017, a practitioner performing moderate sedation for a procedure that the practitioner performs may be reported with CPT codes 99151-99153. These codes were incorrectly bundled into seventeen global surgical procedures and sixteen Category III codes. These edits do not allow bypass with NCCI-associated modifiers (modifier indicator of "0"). The specific edits are listed on the Attachment.

These errors will be corrected in the April 1, 2017 versions of PTP edits. At this time it has not been determined whether a workaround can be implemented for Medicare or any of the state Medicaid programs. Practitioners may consider delaying submission of claims for CPT codes 99151-99153 when performed with one of the listed surgical or Category III codes until the new versions of NCCI PTP edits are implemented April 1, 2017. Alternatively if a practitioner does submit a claim including one of the listed surgical or category III CPT codes and one of the CPT codes 99151-99153 for the same date of service and the CPT code in the range 99151-99153 is denied, the denial may be appealed on or after April 1, 2017.

CMS and we appreciate your assistance in transmitting this information to your membership, if appropriate to do so.

We apologize for the errors and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (list of edits) – 3 pages

**Attachment**

**Column 1 CPT code / Column 2 CPT code**

**Incorrect Edits to be deleted retroactive to 1/1/2017**

0424T	99151
0424T	99152
0424T	99153
0425T	99151
0425T	99152
0425T	99153
0426T	99151
0426T	99152
0426T	99153
0427T	99151
0427T	99152
0427T	99153
0428T	99151
0428T	99152
0428T	99153
0429T	99151
0429T	99152
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0431T	99152
0431T	99153
0432T	99151
0432T	99152
0432T	99153
0433T	99151
0433T	99152
0433T	99153
0434T	99151
0434T	99152
0434T	99153

**Column 1 CPT code / Column 2 CPT code**  
**Incorrect Edits to be deleted retroactive to 1/1/2017**

0435T	99151
0435T	99152
0435T	99153
0436T	99151
0436T	99152
0436T	99153
0459T	99151
0459T	99152
0459T	99153
0460T	99151
0460T	99152
0460T	99153
0461T	99151
0461T	99152
0461T	99153
36901	99151
36901	99152
36901	99153
36902	99151
36902	99152
36902	99153
36903	99151
36903	99152
36903	99153
36904	99151
36904	99152
36904	99153
36905	99151
36905	99152
36905	99153
36906	99151
36906	99152
36906	99153

**Column 1 CPT code / Column 2 CPT code**  
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36907	99151
36907	99152
36907	99153
36908	99151
36908	99152
36908	99153
36909	99151
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36909	99153
37246	99151
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43210	99151
43210	99152
43210	99153
45399	99151
45399	99152
45399	99153
45990	99151
45990	99152
45990	99153
61645	99151
61645	99152
61645	99153