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OVERVIEW

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [(H.R. 3590) Section 6507 (Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative)] requires State Medicaid programs to incorporate "NCCI methodologies" in their claims processing systems.
GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment of claims.
GENERAL BACKGROUND

The coding policies are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual, national Medicare policies, coding guidelines developed by national societies, standard medical and surgical practice, and/or current coding practice.
To comply with the NCCI mandate DMA will implement the two mandatory components on March 31, 2011.

Updates Available:

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ncci.htm
NCCI EDITS CONSIST OF TWO TYPES OF EDITS:

1) Procedure-to-Procedure Edits (CCI Edits)

2) Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)
NCCI procedure-to-procedure (CCI) edits that define pairs of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) / Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that should not be reported together for a variety of reasons.
PROVIDERS AFFECTED
NCCI PROCEDURE -TO- PROCEDURE EDITS

- Practitioner Services
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Outpatient Hospital Services
  - Drugs
  - Radiology
  - Laboratory Services
PROVIDERS AFFECTED
NCCI PROCEDURE-TO-PROCEDURE EDITS

http://www.cms.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd
PROVIDER AFFECTED NCCI
PROCEDURE-TO-PROCEDURE EDITS

Practitioners

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- Children’s Developmental Service Agencies
- Chiropractors
- Community Intervention Services
- Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies
- Dialysis Centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Independent Laboratories
- Independent Outpatient Behavioral Health Therapists
- Independent Outpatient Specialized Therapists
- Local Education Agencies
- Nurse Midwives
- Nurse Practitioners
- Optometrists
- Pharmacies (non-Point-of-Sale)

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PROVIDERS AFFECTED
NCCI PROCEDURE-TO-PROCEDURE EDITS

Practitioners

- Physician Services, such as
  - Anesthesiology
  - Cardiology
  - Dermatology
  - Full-time Emergency Room Physicians
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  - Osteopathy
  - Orthopedics/Hand Surgery
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- Portable X-ray Services
- Prosthetics and Orthotics Suppliers
- Psychiatrists
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Outpatient Hospital Services

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Outpatient Hospital Services

Bill Type: 12X without condition code 41
14X without condition code 41
13X 75X and 74X

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Outpatient Hospital Services

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NCCI MEDICALLY UNLIKELY EDITS:

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) these are units-of-service edits. This component defines for each HCPCS/CPT code the number of units of service that is unlikely to be correct.
PROVIDERS AFFECTED
NCCI MEDICALLY UNLIKELY EDITS

- Practitioner Services
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers
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- Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers
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WHEN WILL THE CHANGES TAKE PLACE?

When the edits are implemented in March 2011, CCI and MUE edits will impact claims with dates of service on and after March 31, 2011.
WHAT TO LOOK FOR….?

The CCI and MUE edit explanation of benefits (EOBs) will appear on the provider’s Remittance and Status (RA) Report.
WHAT TO LOOK FOR…?

- EOB 9988 – “Payment of procedure code is denied based on CCI editing”

- EOB 9953 – “Payment of procedure code is denied based on MUE editing”
WHAT TO LOOK FOR…?

- EOB 9955 - “Claim recouped based on CCI editing”
- EOB 9956 – “Detail recouped based on CCI editing”
WHAT TO LOOK FOR….?

North Carolina Medicaid – Remittance and Status Advice

Date: 02/15/2011

CLAIMS PAYMENT SUMMARY

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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27622
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AN EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL NCCI EDITS ON A CLAIM AND LINE LEVEL BASIS CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRONIC CLAIMS SUBMISSION/RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION WEB TOOL (NCECSWEB TOOL) AT HTTPS://WEBCLAIMS.NCMEDICAID.COM/NCECS.

A DENIAL DUE TO AN NCCI EDIT MAY BE APPEALED BY THE PROVIDER. THE PROVIDER MAY NOT BILL A MEDICAID RECIPIENT FOR AN NCCI DENIAL.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPLANATION CODES UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE REPORT

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**NCIX 9988 PAYMENT OF PROCEDURE CODE IS DENIED BASED ON NCCI EDIT**
REMITTANCE AND STATUS NCCI ACCESS

Providers who currently have an NCECSWeb Tool logon ID and password and can view their RA in PDF format will be automatically enrolled for access.

If you do not currently have an NCECSWeb Tool logon ID and password, you must complete a Remittance and Status Reports in PDF Format/NCCI Information Request Form.

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/forms.htm
North Carolina Electronic Claims Submission/Recipient Eligibility Verification Web Tool is an online application for submitting HIPAA-compliant claims to N.C. Medicaid and for verifying recipient eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding the use of this system, please call 1-800-688-6696 option 1 for the ECS Department.
New Books Added to NCECSWeb Tool:
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Audit 1

CCI|MCD

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ACCESSING NCCI EXPLANATIONS

NCCI Explanation by ICN

Enter the ICN for which you want a detailed explanation.

The ICN entered must belong to the provider associated with the logged on user ID.

If more than one claim was denied for NCCI edits on entered ICN, a list of information for those will be displayed and you will be able to select the specific detail from that list.
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Audit 3

MUE|MCD

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Per The Act, State Medicaid programs are required to implement NCCI methodologies into claims processing systems. MUE units of service edits are coding edits, not utilization or payment edits. These edits are based on anatomic considerations.
REMINDER

- Providers must report services correctly
- Providers should not report multiple HCPCS/CPT codes when a single comprehensive HCPCS/CPT code describes these services
- Providers should not fragment a procedure into component parts
- Providers should not unbundle a bilateral procedure code into two unilateral procedure codes
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- Providers must avoid up coding
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HOW TO KNOW IF A CLAIM CAN BE MODIFIED

http://www.cms.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd

Downloads

How to Use The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Tools [PDF, 2.94MB]

CR5824 [PDF 154KB]

MM5824 [PDF 72KB]

NCCI Policy Manual for Medicare Services, Version 16.3 - Effective October 1, 2010 [PDF/ZIP 551KB]

Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Sec. 20.9) [PDF, 1.2MB]

Modifier 59 Article: Proper Usage Regarding Distinct Procedural Service [PDF, 20KB]
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<td>There are no modifiers associated with NCCI that are allowed to be used with this code pair; there are no circumstances in which both procedures of the code pair should be paid for the same beneficiary on the same day by the same provider.</td>
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<td>“1” Allowed</td>
<td>The modifiers associated with NCCI are allowed with this code pair when appropriate.</td>
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If the NCCI edit responsible for an NCCI denial has a modifier indicator of "0", an appeal can NEVER overturn the denial with one exception. An administrative law judge can determine that the denied column two code should be paid.
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If the NCCI edit responsible for an NCCI denial has a modifier indicator of “1” the provider can make modifications to the previously submitted claim and should do so by updating the claim with the necessary information and resubmit as a new day claim.
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If a provider reports the two codes of an edit pair, the column two code is denied, and the column one code is eligible for payment. However, if it is clinically appropriate to utilize an NCCI-associated modifier, both the column one and column two codes are eligible for payment. NCCI-associated modifiers and their appropriate use can be found on the CMS website:

http://www.cms.gov/MedicaidNCCICoding/
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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ((H.R. 3590) Section 6507 (Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper payments in Medicare Part B claims. The purpose of the NCCI edits is to prevent improper payments when incorrect codes are reported.

NCCI edits consist of two types of edits:

1) NCCI procedure-to-procedure edits that define pairs of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS codes that should not be reported together for a variety of reasons; and

2) Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE), units-of-service edits, that define for each HCPCS / CPT code the number of units of service is unlikely to be correct (e.g., claims for excision of more than one gallbladder or more.

Section 6507 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that, by September 1, 2010, CMS must notify States of "compatible" with claims filed with Medicaid that would promote correct coding and control improper coding lead under Medicaid. The CMS will be issuing a State Medicaid Director Letter for this purpose. The CMS must also that should be incorporated into claims filed with Medicaid for which no national correct coding methodology has must incorporate these methodologies into Medicaid claims filed on or after October 1, 2010. By March 1, 2011, with an analysis supporting these methodologies.

Downloads

- NCCI File Names and Formats, Algorithms for Processing Claims, and Characteristics of Edits [62KB PDF]
- Medicaid NCCI Coding Policy Manual [PDF 635KB]
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MUE Process

How to Determine the allowed Units of Services

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The CMS developed Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) to reduce MUE for a HCPCS/CPT code is the maximum units of service in circumstances for a single beneficiary on a single date of service.

MUE was implemented January 1, 2007 and is utilized to adjudicate and DME MACs.

This webpage has links to the MUE Frequently Asked Questions the Publication Announcement Letter which explain most aspects.

Although CMS publishes most MUE values on its website, other CMS contractors' use only. The latter group of MUE values publish them.

Downloads

- Practitioner Services MUE Table [ZIPPED Excel, 131KB] - Updated 4/1/10
- Facility Outpatient Services MUE Table [ZIPPED Excel, 99KB] - Updated 4/1/10
- DME Supplier Services MUE Table (Note: This file will include HCPCS A-B, D-H, K-V codes at this time and will not just include HCPCS codes under DME MAC jurisdiction) [ZIP, 25KB] - Updated 4/1/10
- MUE Publication Announcement Letter [PDF, 52KB]
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## MUE Process

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Providers may submit a letter requesting reconsideration of a CCI/MUE denial to DMA at the address listed below. The request must include documentation supporting medical necessity.

Division of Medical Assistance
Appeals Unit
Clinical Policy and Programs
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2501
RESOURCES & ADDITIONAL INFO

Additional information is available on the CMS website:

http://www.cms.gov/MedicaidNCCICoding/

This site is complete with the following information:

- General Overview
- Medicaid NCCI Coding Policy Manual
- Additional Information on Coding Policies and Edits
- Federal Appeals Guidelines and Information
- FAQs and a How To Manual
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Overview

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### NCCI Appeals

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<td>Individual claim denials may be appealed to the local Fiscal Agent (or State-contracted entities that perform claims processing activities on behalf of the State Agency). The Fiscal Agent (or State-contracted entities that perform claims processing activities on behalf of the State Agency) utilizes the following guidelines to adjudicate appeals based on MCDNCCI denials.</td>
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<td>NCCI Procedure to Procedure Edit Appeals Process:</td>
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<td>(b) If the NCCI edit responsible for an NCCI denial has a modifier indicator of &quot;1&quot;, Medicare does allow the denied code to be paid after appeal as follows:</td>
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<td>i. Some claims processing contractors allow providers to call the contractor to correct the claim by adding an NCCI-associated modifier. It is not known whether all claims processing contractors allow this process.</td>
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<td>ii. A provider may submit a formal appeal including medical records. If the appeal officer determines that (1) services were medically reasonable and necessary;</td>
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<td>(2) an appropriate NCCI-associated modifier could have been used correctly on the initial claim; and (3) use of the NCCI-associated modifier would have caused the column two code to pass the NCCI edit, the appeals officer may overturn the NCCI denial.</td>
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NCCI and MUE Edits

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Each type of file is provided in both Excel 2007 (.xlsx) file and the tab-delimited text view codes for a particular edit and service type, click the appropriate link in the list.

These files will be updated quarterly with the first Version 1.3 having an effective date.

Downloads

- Medicaid NCCI Edits for Hospital Services [ZIP 12MB]
- Medicaid NCCI Edits for Practitioner Services [ZIP 13MB]
- Medicaid MUE Edits for Hospital Services [ZIP 86KB]
- Medicaid MUE Edits for Practitioner Services [ZIP 101KB]
- Medicaid MUE Edits for Supplier Services [ZIP 30KB]

Related Links Inside CMS
RESOURCES & ADDITIONAL INFO

Additional information is available on the DMA website:
http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ncci.htm

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National Correct Coding Initiative

Overview

In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 [(H.R. 3590) Section 6507 (Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)] as amended by the Health Care and Education Recovery Act of 2010 [(P.L. 111-152), together referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was approved. This legislation requires all state Medicaid programs to incorporate “NCCI methodologies” in their claims processing systems. States have until March 31, 2011, to comply the NCCI mandate.

NCCI is a program developed by CMS that consists of coding policies and edits that identify procedures and services performed by the same provider on the same date of service. This program has been in existence for Medicare since 1996, and is now being applied to Medicaid services.

NCCI Components

There are two main components of the CMS mandate:

- NCCI – procedure-to-procedure edits for practitioners, ambulatory surgical centers, and outpatient hospital services that define pairs of HCPCS/CPT codes that should not be reported together.
- Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) – these are units-of-service edits for practitioners, ambulatory surgical centers, outpatient hospital services, and durable medical equipment. This component defines for each HCPCS/CPT code the number of units of service that is unlikely to be correct. (e.g., claims for excision of more than one appendix or more than one hysterectomy).
Providers/suppliers who have concerns regarding specific NCCI edits can submit comments in writing to:

National Correct Coding Initiative
Correct Coding Solutions LLC
P.O. Box 907
Carmel, IN 46082-0907
Attention: Niles R. Rosen M.D. Medical Director and Linda S. Dietz RHIA CCS CCS-P Coding Specialist
Fax #: 317-571-1745
EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT)

MEDICAID FOR CHILDREN

Contacts: Frank Skwara, MA, LMFT, BSN, RN
EPSDT Nurse Consultant
Division of Medical Assistance
Telephone #: 919-855-4260
FAX #: 919-715-7679

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WHY HEALTH CHECK/ EPSDT ARE IMPORTANT

➢ Promotes preventative health care by providing for early and regular medical and dental screenings.

➢ Provides medically necessary health care to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem] identified through a screening.
HEALTH CHECK/ EPSDT OVERVIEW

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) defined by federal law and includes:
  - Periodic Screening Services
  - Vision Services
  - Dental Services
  - Hearing Services
  - Other Necessary Health Care
Recipients under 21 must be afforded access to the full array of EPSDT services within the scope of the category of services listed in the federal law at 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a) [1905(a) of the Social Security Act]. Refer to the EPSDT provider web page or the Health Check or Basic Medicaid Billing Guides for a listing of these services.

**NOTE:** Under EPSDT, North Carolina Medicaid must make available a variety of individual and group providers qualified and willing to provide EPSDT services.
EPSDT CRITERIA

- Must be listed in the federal law at 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a) [1905(a) of the Social Security Act].

- Must be medically necessary "to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem] identified by screening".
“Ameliorate” means to:

• improve or maintain the recipient’s health in the best condition possible,
• compensate for a health problem,
• prevent it from worsening, or
• prevent the development of additional health problems.
EPSDT Criteria CONT.

- Must be determined to be medical in nature.
- Must be generally recognized as an accepted method of medical practice or treatment.
- Must not be experimental, investigational.
- Must be safe.
- Must be effective.
EPSDT FEATURES

- No Waiting List for EPSDT Services
- No Monetary Cap on the Total Cost of EPSDT Services
- No Upper Limit on the Number of Hours under EPSDT
- No Limit on the Number of EPSDT Visits to a Physician, Therapist, Dentist or Other Licensed Clinician
EPSDT FEATURES CONT.

- No Set List that Specifies When or What EPSDT Services or Equipment May Be Covered
- No Co-payment or Other Cost to the Recipient
- Coverage for Services that Are Never Covered for Recipients Over 21 Years of Age
- Coverage for Services Not Listed in the N.C. State Medicaid Plan
IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT EPSDT

- The full array of EPSDT services must be coverable within the scope of those listed in the federal law at 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a) [1905(a) of the Social Security Act]. EPSDT requires Medicaid to cover these services if they are medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem].
EPSDT services do not have to be services that are covered under the North Carolina State Medicaid Plan or under any of the Division of Medical Assistance’s (DMA) clinical coverage policies or service definitions or billing codes.
EPSDT covers short-term and long-term services as long as the requested services will correct or ameliorate the child's condition. For example, a service must be covered under EPSDT if it is necessary for immediate relief (e.g., pain medication). Treatment need not ameliorate the child's condition taken as a whole, but need only be medically necessary to ameliorate one of the child's diagnoses or medical conditions.
EPSDT OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- The specific coverage criteria (e.g., particular diagnoses, signs, or symptoms) in the DMA clinical coverage policies or service definitions do NOT have to be met.

- The specific numerical limits (number of hours, number of visits, or other limitations on scope, amount or frequency) in DMA clinical coverage policies, service definitions, or billing codes do NOT apply. This includes the hourly limits on Medicaid Personal Care Services (PCS).
Other restrictions in the clinical coverage policies, such as the location of the service (e.g., PCS only in the home), prohibitions on multiple services on the same day or at the same time (e.g., day treatment and residential treatment) must also be waived under EPSDT.

Out of state services are NOT covered if medically necessary similarly efficacious services are available in North Carolina. Out of state services delivered without prior approval will be denied unless there is retroactive Medicaid eligibility.
Durable medical equipment (DME), assistive technology, orthotics, prosthetics, or other service requested do **NOT** have to be included on DMA’s approved lists or be covered under a CAP waiver program in order to be covered under EPSDT subject to meeting the criteria specified in this policy.
The prohibition in CAP/C on skilled nursing for purposes of monitoring does not apply to EPSDT services if skilled monitoring is medically necessary. (Example: \(\text{MDN}\))

Case management is an EPSDT service and must be provided to a child with a Medicaid card if medically necessary to correct or ameliorate regardless of eligibility for a CAP waiver.
EPSDT COVERAGE AND CAP WAIVERS

- CAP Waiver services are available only to participants in the CAP waiver programs and are not a part of the EPSDT benefit unless the waiver service is **ALSO** an EPSDT service.

- Additionally, a child financially eligible for Medicaid outside of the waiver is entitled to elect EPSDT services without any monetary cap instead of waiver services.
EPSDT COVERAGE AND CAP WAIVERS CONT.

- **ANY** child enrolled in a CAP program can receive **BOTH** waiver services and EPSDT services. However, the cost of the recipient’s care must not exceed the waiver cost limit.

- If enrolled in the Community Alternatives Program for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (CAP-MRDD), prior approval to exceed $100,000 per year must be obtained.
EPSDT COVERAGE AND CAP WAIVERS
CON’T.

➢ A recipient under 21 years of age on a waiting list for CAP services is eligible for necessary EPSDT services without any waiting list being imposed.

➢ EPSDT services must be provided to recipients under 21 years of age in a CAP program under the same standards as other children receiving Medicaid services and may be provided in the school setting, including to CAP-MRDD recipients.
EPSDT COVERAGE AND MH/ DD/ SA SERVICES

➢ Staff employed by local management entities (LMEs) CANNOT deny requests for services, formally or informally. Requests must be forwarded to ValueOptions or other appropriate DMA vendors if supported by a licensed clinician.
EPSDT COVERAGE AND MH/ DD/ SA SERVICES CONT.

LMEs may NOT use the Screening, Triage, and Referral (STR) process or the DD eligibility process as a means of denying access to Medicaid services. Even if the LME STR screener does not believe the child needs enhanced services, the family must be referred to an appropriate Medicaid provider to perform a clinical evaluation of the child for any medically necessary service. Only DMA and its contractors can determine if a Medicaid recipient meets criteria for a covered Medicaid service.
Requests for prior approval of MH/DD/SA services for recipients under 21 must be sent to ValueOptions or to an LME if handling PA in their catchment area.
If a recipient under 21 years of age has a developmental disability diagnosis, this does not necessarily mean that the requested service is habilitative and may not be covered under EPSDT. The EPSDT criteria of whether the service is medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or condition [health problem] apply. Examples include dual diagnoses and behavioral disorders. All individual facts must be considered.
REQUESTING PA FOR A COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICE

Covered state Medicaid plan services are defined as requests for services, products, or procedures covered by the North Carolina State Medicaid Plan.

EPSDT does NOT eliminate the need for prior approval if prior approval is required.
Requests for EPSDT services do **NOT** have to be labeled as such. Any proper request for services for a recipient under 21 years of age is a request for EPSDT services. When state staff or vendors review a covered state Medicaid plan services request for PA or continuing authorization (UR) for an individual under 21 years of age, the reviewer will apply the EPSDT criteria. For recipients under 21 years of age enrolled in a CAP waiver, a request for services must be considered under EPSDT as well as under the waiver if that service is both a CAP and a waiver service.
REQUESTING PA FOR A COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICE CONT.

- EPSDT requests for prior approval for services must be fully documented to show medical necessity. This requires current information from the recipient’s physician, other licensed clinicians, the requesting qualified provider, and family members or legal representative. If this information is not provided, Medicaid or its vendor will have to obtain the needed information, and this will delay the prior approval decision.
REQUESTING PA FOR A COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICE CONT.

- If the recipient does not meet the clinical coverage criteria or needs to exceed clinical coverage policy limits, submit documentation with the prior approval request that shows how the service at the requested frequency and amount is medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or condition [health problem].

- Additionally, all other EPSDT criteria must be met.
REQUESTING PA FOR A COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICE CONT.

- It is not sufficient to cover a standard, lower cost service instead of a requested specialized service if the lower cost service is not equally effective in that individual case.
SERVICES FORMALLY COVERED BY CSHS

– Cochlear Implant and Accessories

Fax all requests for external parts replacement and repair, in letter format, to the appropriate cochlear or auditory brainstem implant manufacturer. The manufacturer will process requests, obtain prior approval for external speech or sound processors, and file claims. Guidelines for the letter requesting external parts replacement or repair can be obtained from the implant manufacturer.
SERVICES FORMALLY COVERED BY CSHS CON’T.

– Pediatric mobility systems, including non-listed components, should be sent to HP Enterprise Services using the Certificate of Medical Necessity/Prior Approval (CMN/PA form).

– Augmentative and Alternate Communication Devices should be sent to HP Enterprise Services.
SERVICES FORMALLY COVERED BY CSHS CON’T.

– Oral Nutrition

Metabolic formula requests should be sent to DPH.

All other requests for formula that appear on the DMA fee schedules should be sent to HP Enterprise Services.

Formula that does not appear on the DMA fee schedules should be sent as an EPSDT request to:

Assistant Director
Clinical Policy and Programs

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INAPPROPRIATE PA REQUESTS RECEIVED BY VENDORS

Vendors (CCME, HP Enterprise Services, ACS Pharmacy, MedSolutions, and ValueOptions, PBH, LMEs) may receive service requests for which the vendor is not responsible for conducting the prior approval reviews. As vendors can only authorize specific services in accordance with DMA-vendor contracts, those requests will be forwarded to the appropriate vendor for review.
REQUESTING PA FOR NON-COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICES

- Requests for non-covered state Medicaid plan services are requests for services, products, or procedures that are not included at all in the North Carolina State Medicaid Plan but coverable under federal Medicaid law, 1905(r) of the Social Security Act for recipients under 21 years of age.
Over-the-counter (OTC) Medications

If the OTC has a National Drug Code (NDC) number and the manufacturer has a valid rebate agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) but the drug does not appear on DMA’s approved coverage listing of OTC medications, send the request to the Assistant Director, Clinical Policy and Programs, Division of Medical Assistance.
REQUESTING PA FOR NON-COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICES CONT.

- Requests for Medicaid prior approval of DME, orthotics and prosthetics, and home health supplies that do not appear on DMA’s lists of covered equipment should be submitted to the Assistant Director, DMA.
REQUESTING PA FOR NON-COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICES CONT.

➢ Oral Nutrition

Formula that does not appear on the DMA fee schedules should be sent as an EPSDT request to:

Assistant Director
Clinical Policy and Programs
REQUESTING PA FOR NON-COVERED STATE MEDICAID PLAN SERVICES CONT.

Effective with date of request September 1, 2008, Children’s Special Health Services no longer authorizes payment for ramps, tie downs, car seats, and vests.

These items are not included in the durable medical equipment covered by Medicaid, nor are they covered under Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services, which cover medical equipment and supplies suitable for use in the home for Medicaid recipients under the age of 21. However, if the recipient is covered under a Medicaid waiver, these items may be considered.
Requests for non-covered state Medicaid plan services and requests for a review when there is no established review process for a requested service should be submitted to:

Assistant Director for Clinical Policy and Programs
Division of Medical Assistance
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2501
FAX: 919-715-7679
DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Documentation for either covered or non-covered state Medicaid plan services should show how the service will correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem].

This includes:
– documentation showing that policy criteria are met;
– documentation to support that all EPSDT criteria are met;
– evidence-based literature to support the request, if available.

Should additional information be required, the provider will be contacted.
Requests for non-covered state Medicaid plan services may be submitted on the Non-Covered State Medicaid Plan Services Request form for Children under 21 Years of Age.

This form is located on the DMA website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/forms.htm
DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

- Requests for prior approval of covered and non-covered state Medicaid plan services are to be decided with reasonable promptness, usually within 15 business days. **No request for services for a recipient under 21 years of age will be denied, formally or informally, until it is evaluated under EPSDT.**
If covered or non-covered services are denied, reduced, or terminated, written notice with appeal rights must be provided to the recipient and/or the authorized representative and copied to the provider.

Such a denial can be appealed in the same manner as any Medicaid service denial, reduction, or termination.
The Division’s due process procedures fully apply and can be found on the provider page at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/index.htm
The following are **NOT** acceptable reasons for denial of coverage under EPSDT:

- “This is the responsibility of the school system.”
- “Close supervision, redirection, safety monitoring, assistance with mobility and other ADL’s, improving socialization and community involvement, and controlling behavior are not service goals covered under EPSDT.”
- “The services would not correct or improve the child’s diagnosis.”
The following are **NOT** acceptable reasons for denial of coverage under EPSDT:

- “EPSDT criteria do not include monitoring a child’s actions for an event which may occur.”
- ”EPSDT services are not long term or ongoing.”
- “Teaching coping skills cannot be covered under EPSDT.”
EPSDT WEBSITES

- Basic Medicaid Billing Guide
  http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/basicmed/

- Health Check Billing Guide
  http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/healthcheck/index.htm

- EPSDT Provider Page
  http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/epsdthealthcheck.htm
EPSDT and Health Check

EPSDT

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) is the federal law that says Medicaid must provide all medically necessary health care services to Medicaid-eligible children. The services are required even if the services are not normally covered by children's Medicaid. More EPSDT Information

Health Check

The Health Check program facilitates regular preventive medical care and the diagnosis and treatment of any health problem found during a screening. More Health Check Information

EPSDT and Health Check Quick Links

- EPSDT Policy Instructions (updated November 24, 2008)
- Health Check Billing Guide. April 2009
- Health Check Coordinator Directory
- Non-Covered State Medicaid Plan Services Request Form for Recipients under 21 Years of Age (updated January 2009)
Q & A