NATIONAL CORRECT CODING DATA (October 1 – December 31, 2005 Version 11.3)

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ABOUT THE DATA
There are FOUR Coding data files on this disk, in a folder named "Data Files". There is also a folder named "Policy Narratives".

For each of the four Coding files, the data is field delimited by using a tab (ASCII char 9) between fields. The End of Record for each field is a carriage return (ASCII Char 13) followed by a line feed (ASCII Char 10).

DUPLICATE RECORDS
The NCCI database contains edits that exist within both the active and the inactive file sets. As a result, a small group of edit pairs may appear as no longer active when in fact they are active. This group of codes, which account for less than one third of a percent of the database, were terminated at some point in the past and then subsequently reinstated as active at a later date.

FIELD FORMATS
The fields are:
· Field 1, Column 1 code or Mutually Exclusive column 1 code
· Field 2, Column 2 code or Mutually Exclusive column 2 code
· Field 3, Code's effective date, 4-position year followed by the Julian day.
· Field 4, Code's deletion date if applicable, 4-position year followed by the Julian day
· Field 5, Prior Rebundled Code Indicator. An asterisk designates rebundled prior to 1996 edits. A blank field shows the code was rebundled 1/1/1996 or later.
· Field 6, Standard Policy Statement
  Field 7, GB Modifier Indicator*.

FOUR DATAFILES

A_CPEDIT File: Comprehensive Column 1 and Component Column 2 Procedures Data - ACTIVE codes

B_CPEDIT File: Comprehensive Column 1 and Component Column 2 Procedures Data - INACTIVE codes
The fields are the same as above.

C_MEEDIT File: Mutually Exclusive Procedures Data - ACTIVE codes

D_MEEDIT File: Mutually Exclusive Procedures Data - INACTIVE codes
The fields are the same as above.

* About the GB modifier: An appropriate modifier must be used with a code for which a modifier is appropriate. This code may be a column one or column two code.
The definition of a modifier according to the CPT-4 manual is as follows:
- A modifier provides the means by which the reporting position (or provider) can indicate that a service or procedure that has been performed has been altered by some specific circumstance but not changed in its definition or code.

The correct coding file formats have been expanded to include a modifier indicator for both the Mutually Exclusive Code and the Comprehensive Component Code tables. These indicators provide information regarding whether or not the use of a modifier should be added to report a service, since the meaning attached to the modifier adds specificity about the services being billed which helps to differentiate between the services represented by the different codes.   Assuming the modifier is used correctly and appropriately, this specificity provides the basis upon which separate payment for the services billed may be considered justifiable. Generally, the modifiers which are most likely to add specificity, or further information to the billed codes, are: E1-E4, FA, F1-F9, TA, T1-T9, LT, RT, LC, LD, RC, 58, 59, 78 and 79.

The CCE modifier indicators are (0), (1), or (9). A (0) indicates that there are no circumstances in which a modifier would be appropriate. The services represented by the code combination will not be paid separately. A (1) indicates that a modifier is allowed in order to differentiate between the services provided. A (9) indicator is used for all code pairs whose deletion date is the same as their effective date.