May 2018 Agenda

- Quarterly NCCI Edit updates
- Monthly Reminder
- AAP Coding NL Highlights Jan-May
- Release Highlights

Quarterly NCCI Updates

- Eff 4/1/18 Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)
  - 99360 MUE = 1
    - Standby service for high risk delivery/C-section
  - A6221 MUE = 0
    - Gauze, non-impregnated, sterile, pad size more than 48 sq. in., with any size adhesive border, each dressing
  - E1399 MUE = 1
    - Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous
  - J8498, J8597, Q0181 MUE = 0
    - Antiemetic drugs MUE = 0
**Quarterly NCCI Updates**

- Eff 4/1/18 Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)
  - L3260 MUE = 0
    - Surgical boot/shoe, each
  - L3265 MUE = 0
    - Plastazote sandal, each
  - Q4050 MUE = 2
    - Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of casts, Q4051 Splint supplies, miscellaneous (includes thermoplastics, strapping, fasteners, padding and other supplies)

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**Monthly Reminder**

- Age distribution of your patients
  - SRS “Total Active Patients (by Age Group)”
    - Patient Demographic and Policy Reports
    - Total Active Patients (by Age Group)
    - Exclude by Account & Patient Flags
    - Date of Last Visit default: 90 days

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**Total Active Patients (By Age Group)**

Value of results depends upon your goals

- Growing your practice? Higher numbers of younger patients preferred.
- Retiring? Lower numbers of younger patients makes sense.
Total Active Patients (By Age Group)

Results affected by date range

- Generally still good for a growing practice

- High over 18 number should be compared to your Aging Out policy

2018 AAP Coding Newsletter Highlights

Access via PCC EHR or PCC Community

Welcome to PCC Community, the new home of PCCTalk.

Getting Started

Visit our new PCCTalk site right from your email by visiting PCCtalk@pcc.com.
The information on how to set up your team's email address, as well as how to use the forum, is included.

PCCTalk Community Categories

PCCTalk is the central category on this forum. Use it to share information and ask questions.

- Amerigroup
- UHC
- Tufts

AAP Coding Newsletter

Your Coding Newsletter is sent approximately once a month. This monthly publication provides practical and accurate answers to the most urgent coding issues.

- January
  - “...no changes to the current E/M guidelines will occur in 2018.”
  - Consultation: Discussion of and links to Policies
    a. Amerigroup
    b. UHC
    c. Tufts
2018 AAP Coding Newsletter Highlights

February
- Dietary Counseling. Great table included: Codes for Pediatric Diet and Weight-Related Conditions

March
- Coding for procedures:
  - Global days - Table included
  - E&M + procedures
  - Pre and Post work

April
- Evaluation and Management Coding: Feeding Problems
- Another great table: ICD-10-CM Codes for Feeding Problems and Eating Disorder
- Lactation Counseling: Payer Policies Drive Coding
- Still more surgery, procedure billing exploration

May
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FAQ - Suture Removal Procedures

Removal of staples NOT placed by your practice could be billed using these codes for three distinct services:
1. E&M for assessment of the wound & decision to remove the sutures (consider modifier 57 - Decision for surgery if your carriers recognize it)
2. S0630 for the suture removal
3. 99070 for the surgical tray
*Limitations, as usual, may be imposed by your carriers. It would be appropriate to bill them all, but the carriers may not acknowledge and/or pay them all.
FAQ - Suture Removal Diagnoses

Use the injury code with applicable subsequent care characters. External causes unnecessary after the first encounter (ER).

BEWARE: Z48.02 Encounter for removal of sutures is NOT appropriate for sutures placed for injury. In 2018, a Type 1 Exclude was added to the Z48 category:
- encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment (Z08-Z09)
- encounter for aftercare following injury - code to injury, by site, with appropriate 7th character for subsequent encounter

Release Dates - Version 8.4

Beta Deployment: **Underway**

General Deployment:

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Release Highlights - Version 8.4

- Portal Payments
- Updates to LOINC and SNOMED
- Report: Billed Diagnosis by Date ... *ALL diagnoses*
- Customize column order in Reports
- Add and Edit policies in PCC EHR
Next Coding Weblab:
Wed, July 18, 2018

PCC Users’ Conference:
June 20-22, 2018 - Denver, CO

What Questions Do You Have?

How do I code for...?
What do I do when carriers deny because...?
How can I find a code for...?
Shouldn't my payers process ...?

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