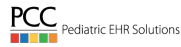


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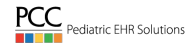
Jan Blanchard, CPMA

May 15, 2018  
Start Time: 1 pm, Eastern



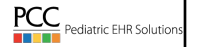
## May 2018 Agenda

- 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



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## 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)

## 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

## Total Active Patients (By Age Group)

Pat Aging	Pat Holder Count
Under 1 Year	289
1 Year	218
2 Years	287
3 Years	165
4 Years	170
5 Years	138
6 Years	125
7 Years	128
8 Years	106
9 Years	100
10 Years	70
11 Years	90
12 Years	91
13 Years	76
14 Years	51
15 Years	40
16 Years	39
17 Years	13
Over 18	18
	2135

Value of results depends upon your goals

- Growing your practice? Higher numbers of younger patients preferred.
- Retiring? Lower numbers of younger patients makes sense.

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## Total Active Patients (By Age Group)

Pat. Aging	Pat. Holder Count
Under 1 Year	302
1 Year	276
2 Years	293
3 Years	295
4 Years	304
5 Years	276
6 Years	245
7 Years	257
8 Years	223
9 Years	194
10 Years	196
11 Years	175
12 Years	162
13 Years	151
14 Years	115
15 Years	94
16 Years	92
17 Years	39
Over 18	143
	3846

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

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## 2018 AAP Coding Newsletter Highlights

### 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

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## 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



## 2018 AAP Coding Newsletter Highlights

### 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

### May

- Still more surgery, procedure billing exploration

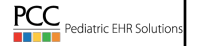


## FAQ - Suture Removal Procedures

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.



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## 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



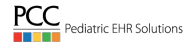
## Release Dates - Version 8.4

Beta Deployment:

**Underway**

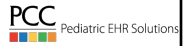
General Deployment:

**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



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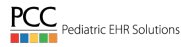
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**Next Coding Weblab:**

Wed, July 18, 2018

**PCC Users' Conference:**

[June 20-22, 2018 - Denver, CO](#)



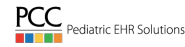
**What Questions Do You Have?**

How do I code for...?

What do I do when carriers deny because...?

How can I find a code for...?

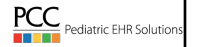
Shouldn't my payers process ... ?



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