Program Memorandum Carriers	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION (HCFA)
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CHANGE REQUEST 1422

SUBJECT: **Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 7.1, Effective April 1, 2001**

The latest package of Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 7.1 effective April 1, 2001 will be available via the HCFA Data Center (HDC). A test file will be available on or about January 31, 2001 and the final file will be available on or about February 14, 2001. Version 7.1 will include all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996 to the present and will be organized in two tables; Comprehensive/Component Edits and Mutually Exclusive Code (MEC) Edits.

The Regional Office Correct Coding Initiative representatives can access the files from the HDC in the same manner they download the previous versions. The filenames for the regions are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.TEST01.V71; and
MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V71.

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V71; and
MU00.@BF12372.CCIALL.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V71.

The carriers will need to use specific job control language in order to access Version 7.1 through the Network Data Mover. The filenames for the carriers are:

Test File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.TEST01.V71;and
MU00.@BF12372.CCINMD.CMPEDITS.TEST01.V71.

Final File:

MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.MEEDITS.FINAL01.V71; and
MU00.@BF12372.CCINDM.CMPEDITS.FINAL01.V71.

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The CCI and MEC files will maintain the file formats contained in MCM §4630.M (Revised August 1999). The CCI Adds, Deletes, and Correct Coding Changes lists will be forthcoming via electronic mail on or about February 22, 2001.

Due to Current Procedure Terminology copyrights, immediate corrections, if any, will be included in one of the above notifications.

Carriers need not search their files to either retract payment or to retroactively pay claims. However, carriers should adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is April 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is April 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.

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