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Aetna Better Health of Kentucky administers unbundling edits based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI). These edits are further defined as procedure-to-procedure (PTP) code pair edits. ABHKY administers these edits for professional and outpatient facility claims.

CMS developed the NCCI to promote national correct coding principles for medical services performed on patients. The NCCI edit methodologies dictate that when two related procedure codes are billed for the same member, by the same provider and on the same date of service, only the most comprehensive of those codes is reimbursable. Therefore, physicians should not report multiple CPT codes when a single, more comprehensive code represents all services performed.

CMS organizes the code pairs into column 1/column 2 edits. The column 2 code represents the code that should not have been billed. The column 1 code is the more comprehensive code. This file also contains mutually exclusive code pairs. Mutually exclusive procedures are two procedures that could not have been performed during the same patient encounter because of anatomic, temporal or gender considerations.

CMS publishes a reference document, the NCCI Policy Manual for Medicare Services to offer insight into the policies used to develop the edits.

The CMS NCCI edit tables are updated on an annual/quarterly basis and loaded on the CMS website listed below:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index>

### Questions?

Simply contact your Network Relations Manager. Our most current listing is attached, the listing can also be found on our website.

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