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SPECIAL NOTICE:

**Appealing Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative
Procedure-To-Procedure Edits**

As a result of implementation of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits and under the direction of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), when a claim is paid for a lower reimbursed procedure because of a NCCI procedure to procedure edit, the provider may no longer rebill that claim in order to obtain reimbursement for the higher paid procedure.

If the provider believes the lower paid procedure was paid erroneously and that the higher reimbursed procedure should have been paid, the provider must submit a First Level Appeal to Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS).

Prior to NCCI edit implementation, Alaska Medicaid has allowed providers to correct a previously submitted claim to obtain reimbursement on a higher paid procedure of an edit code set pair when only the lower paid procedure was paid on the originally submitted claim.

Since October 1, 2010, claims submitted to Alaska Medicaid have been subject to NCCI edits. Providers were notified of this change in RA messages beginning in September 2010.

Additional information regarding NCCI can be found on the ACS website (<http://medicaidalaska.com>) by clicking on the Provider tab and then the NCCI link.