

# Corrective Coding Edit Information

## ***Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)***

The administrative policies and guidelines that we use to review and pay claims are important and integral to the relationship we share with our participating physicians and practitioners. In establishing our policies, we attempt to adopt widely accepted community policies and standards when they are available and supportable. In keeping with this, Asuris Northwest Health uses the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edit data with our own claims processing system. In addition, Asuris Northwest Health has identified code edits to supplement CCI.

Correct coding edits identify component service codes that are inappropriately reported as separate and distinct services from the comprehensive code. In comprehensive and component codes edits, the comprehensive code will be reimbursed to contract benefits and the component code will be considered included in the comprehensive code.

Asuris Northwest Health implements correct coding edits on a quarterly basis. Coding changes occurring in the updates are effective for dates of service on or after the installation date and no claims will be adjusted retrospectively.

For details on CMS's CCI, call the National Technical Information Service at **1 (800) 553-6847** (NTIS) or visit their Web site at: <http://www.ntis.gov/products/families/cci/>.

For details on Asuris Northwest Health's supplemental edits, visit our Web site at: <http://www.asuris.com/provider/>, or contact your professional relations representative at **1 (800) 562-2156**.

AdminaStar Federal, Inc. (a subcontractor of Reliance Safeguard Solutions) develops and refines CCI, coordinates the receipt of comments, the prioritization of issues, the review and research of previous actions and the discussion with CMS about the concerns. AdminaStar Federal, Inc. accepts written comments by fax at 317-841-4600 or by mail. Their address is indicated below.

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### ***Correct Coding Edits (CCE)***

Correct coding edits identify component service codes that are inappropriately reported as separate and distinct services from the comprehensive code. In comprehensive and component codes edits, the comprehensive code will be reimbursed to contract benefits and the component code will be considered included in the comprehensive code. Our member-base is broader and more diverse than the Medicare membership base and because of this, we have implemented additional edits to supplement what is available through the CCI software. All supplemental edits are based on guidelines published in the AMA CPT manual or by CMS in their various publications.

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All lines of business, including ITS Host claims, with the exception of Medicare, will use CCE. CCI logic will apply first, then the supplemental CCE edit logic will apply second when a claim is being adjudicated.

For details on Asuris Northwest Health's supplemental edits, visit our Web site at: <http://www.asuris.com/provider/claims/correctCode/index.html>. At this site you will be able to enter a procedure code and search for the edits, if any, that apply to the code.

In addition to viewing the edits, you are able to provide feedback from within the site at [Clinical Editing Issues@regence.com](mailto:ClinicalEditingIssues@regence.com), or you can write to:

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If you have a specific question or concern in relationship to a specific claim you must follow the billing dispute process outlined in the *Provider Appeal* section of this manual.