

## Update: National Correct Coding Initiative Edits

Under Health Care Reform, Medicaid plans are mandated to begin using the National Correct Coding Initiative edits (NCCI). In a letter sent November 5, VSHP notified you we would edit all claims for dates of service of 10/01/10, or later effective 12/01/10. **Under new legislative guidelines, VSHP will edit claims processed after 12/06/10, for dates of service of 10/01/10 or later.**

These edits will integrate Facility and Professional claims, and deny line items on the claims that fail the edit. These edits include Procedure to Procedure and Medically Unlikely Edits. Procedure-to-procedure edits define pairs of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that should not be reported together for a variety of reasons. Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) are units-of-service edits that define for each HCPCS/CPT code the number of units of service beyond which the reported number of units of service is unlikely to be correct. For example, there may not be claims for removal of more than one gallbladder.

NCCI edits will be published on the CMS website in January 2011. VSHP will publish specific information available after that date.