

**SPECIAL NOTICE:
MEDICAID MUST IMPLEMENT NATIONAL CORRECT CODING INITIATIVE EDITS**

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Section 6507, passed into law earlier this year, mandates that for all claims filed on or after October 1, 2010, State Medicaid Agencies must incorporate and apply editing methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is charged by Congress with the responsibility for defining the adjudication rules, provider types, and claim types that will be subject to the NCCI edits. On September 1, 2010, CMS will issue guidance to State Medicaid agencies.

Delaware Medicaid, like all other State Medicaid agencies, will be required to enforce the edits in the claims processing environment. Two types of edits are mandated in the law: procedure-to-procedure, and unit of service. Until CMS sends additional information, we do not know which claims will be affected.

Delaware Medicaid will provide additional guidance and clarification about NCCI editing as information becomes available.