



Network Notification

Notice Date: September 23, 2019
To: Georgia Medicaid Health Partners
From: CareSource®
Subject: Medicaid Medically Unlikely Edits

CareSource performs ongoing reviews of claim data to ensure claims are processed accurately and efficiently and to be consistent with Georgia Medicaid, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and national commercial standards regarding the acceptance, adjudication and payment of claims.

The claim coding edits below have been identified as necessary to comply with correct coding and industry standard guidelines. Please ensure your claim submissions are in compliance with these edits to avoid delays in claim processing.

The Medicaid medically unlikely edit verifies the number of units appended to the procedure code on the current line billed is within the allowable number of units of service allowed for the same patient on the same day by the same provider. If the number of units is over the allowable amount, the edit will trigger.

CMS created medically unlikely edits (MUE) to lower claim error rates. The National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Policy Manual for Medicaid Services states:

“An MUE for a HCPCS/CPT code is the maximum number of units of service (UOS) under most circumstances allowable by the same provider of the same beneficiary on the same date of service. Each line of a claim is adjudicated separately against the MUE value for the HCPCS/CPT code reported on that line. If the unit of service on that line exceeds the MUE value, the entire line is denied.”

The edit reviews of the current claim line procedure code has the allowable number of units of service per the CMS MUEs. If the unit of service on the current claim line is over the maximum allowable number of units per the CMS MUEs, the edit is triggered.

You can reference Medicaid MUE values on the CMS Medicaid NCCI webpage at www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/index.html

Please refer to page 37 of CareSource’s Provider Manual for additional information on code edits. The Health Partner Manual can be found online at: <https://www.caresource.com/documents/ga-provider-manual/>