



NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: September 5, 2024
To: Michigan Medicaid and MI Health Link Providers
From: HAP CareSource™ and HAP CareSource™ Health Link (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) Providers
Subject: Excludes1 Editing Update
Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Summary

Beginning with claims processed on or after October 1, 2024, HAP CareSource and HAP CareSource MI Health Link will apply claims editing logic related to Excludes1 notes from ICD-10-CM coding guidelines.

Impact

To ensure accurate claims processing, providers are advised to review ICD-10-CM coding guidelines when selecting the most appropriate diagnosis for claims and to always code with the highest level of specificity. If a category level indication suggests that a code can be billed with another range of codes, it is crucial to check for Excludes1 notes that may prevent billing certain code combinations.

Examples of Excludes1 rule violations include:

- The diagnosis code for "Bronchitis, not specified" (J40) has an Excludes1 note specifying that it should not be billed with "Acute bronchitis" (J20.-); submitting both codes for a single encounter would violate the Excludes1 note and result in a denial.
- The diagnosis category for "Type 2 Diabetes" (E11.-) has an Excludes1 note indicating that it should not be billed with codes for "Gestational Diabetes" (O24.4-); submitting both codes for a single encounter would violate the Excludes1 note and result in a denial.

Providers should review Excludes1 notes carefully to ensure compliance and avoid claim denials.

Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at the appropriate number below.

- HAP CareSource: **1-833-230-2102**, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
- HAP CareSource MI Health Link: **1-833-230-2159**, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET

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