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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Please include the following in the Remittance Advice messages beginning September 28, 2010, and run the message for three consecutive weeks. The long version of this message should also be included on the Medicaid website homepage and the next issue of the *Louisiana Medicaid Provider Update*. If there are questions, please contact Cindy Caroon at 342-0490.

Special Notice: All Medicaid Providers

CMS Mandate-National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Editing for Medicaid Services

Under new federal regulations signed into law earlier this year, State Medicaid Agencies must incorporate and apply editing methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) for claims filed on or after October 1, 2010. This CMS program was originally developed to control improper payments in Medicare Part B claims in 1996. Based on the fact that states were just provided details related to this requirement on September 1, 2010 and the complexities involved in entirely incorporating these edits into the claims processing systems, CMS has granted some flexibility to the States to fully implement the editing into their systems until April 1, 2011. *However, claims filed on or after October 1, 2010 will be subject to the mandate and be required to be reprocessed, if necessary, to assure compliance with the NCCI mandate.*

For more detailed information related this CMS mandate, including provider types affected and further explanation of the edits, providers are directed to the Louisiana Medicaid website at www.lamedicaid.com.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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