



**Louisiana Department of Health  
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**Errors in the NCCI Quarter One 2017 Edit File: Moderate Sedation Codes**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) identified errors in the Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Practitioner (PRA) and Outpatient Hospital (OPH) Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edit files which were implemented on Jan. 1, 2017.

Moderate sedation CPT codes 99151-99153 were incorrectly bundled into a number of edits in both the PRA and OPH PTP edit files.

CMS will not provide a corrected replacement file. Instead, the errors will be corrected in the April 1, 2017 version of PTP edits retroactive to Jan. 1. CMS has provided permission for states to delete or deactivate the edits in the 2017 Quarter 1 NCCI PRA and OPH PTP edit files.

Below are the covered “column one” codes that were paired in error with “column two” codes for moderate sedation (99151, 99152 and 99153) and included in error in the 2017 Quarter 1 NCCI PRA and OPH PTP edit files.

**Column One CPT Codes**

36901 36902 36903 36904 36905 36906 36907 36908 36909

37246 37247 37248 37249 43210 45399 45990 61645

Please keep in mind that if a Health Plan chooses not to delete or deactivate the affected code pairs and a practitioner submits a claim for the code pair causing the denial of one of the conscious sedation CPT codes, 99151-99153, the provider has the right to appeal the denial on or after April 1. Health Plans are to make necessary accommodations in their claim processing and processes to allow for the correct processing and reimbursement of these claims.