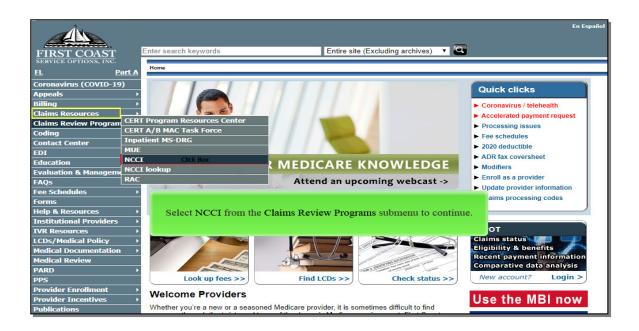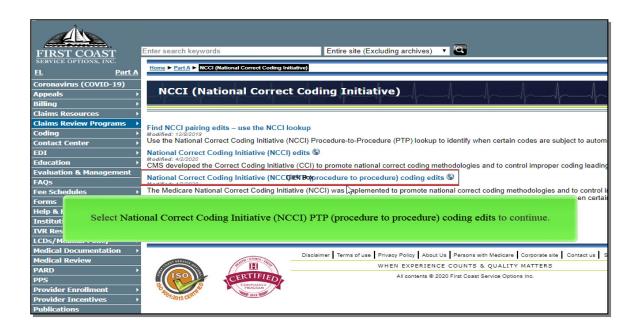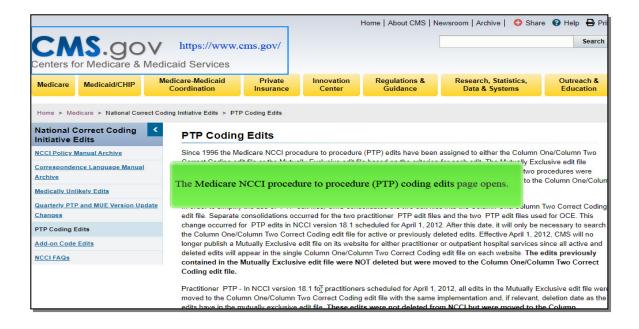This tutorial will demonstrate how to determine if a code pair will be denied due to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

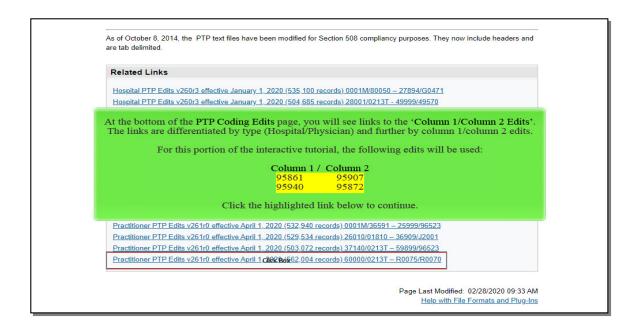Select NCCI from the Claims Review Programs submenu to continue.

Select National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) PTP (procedure to procedure) coding edits to continue.

The Medicare NCCI procedure to procedure (PTP) coding edits page opens.

https://www.cms.gov/

As of October 8, 2014, the PTP text files have been modified for Section 508 compliancy purposes. They now include headers and are tab delimited.

Related Links

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At the bottom of the **PTP Coding Edits** page, you will see links to the 'Column 1/Column 2 Edits'. The links are differentiated by type (Hospital/Physician) and further by column 1/column 2 edits.

For this portion of the interactive tutorial, the following edits will be used:

Column 1 / Column 2
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95940   95872

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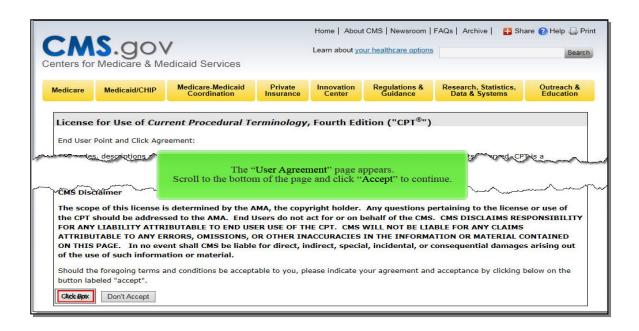Help with File Formats and Plug-Ins

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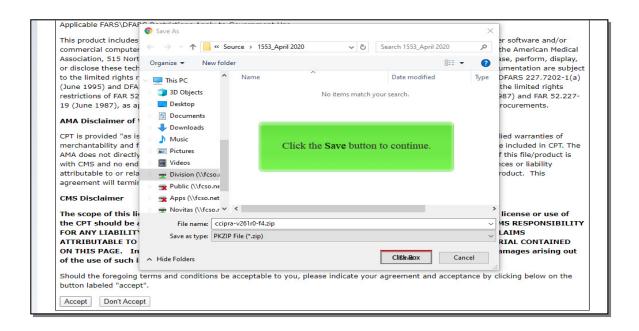95861   95907
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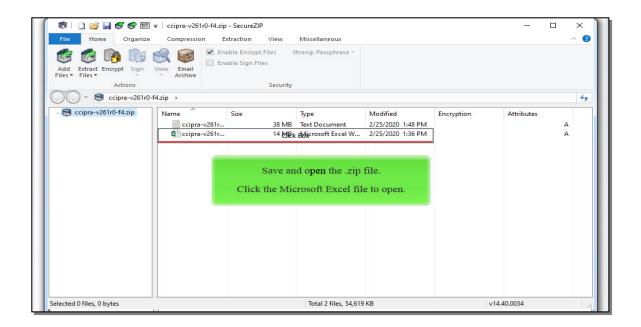Click the highlighted link below to continue.

The "User Agreement" page appears.

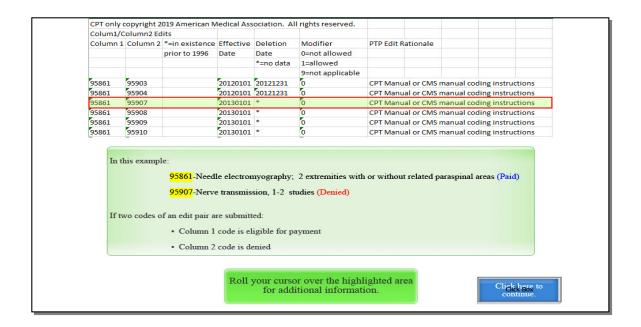Scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Accept" to continue.

Click the Save button to continue.

Save and open the .zip file.

Click the Microsoft Excel file to open.

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Colum1/Column2 Edits								
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				*=no data	1=allowed			
					9=not applicable			
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In this example:

95861-Needle electromyography; 2 extremities with or without related paraspinal areas (Paid)

95907-Nerve transmission, 1-2 studies (Denied)

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- Column 1 code is eligible for payment
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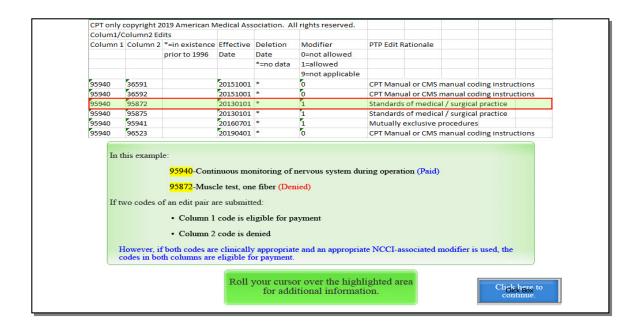
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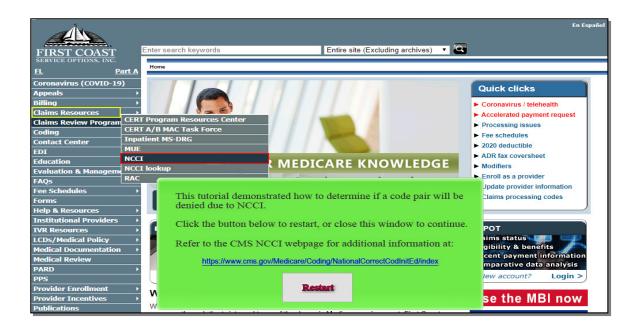| CPT only copyright 2019 American Medical Association. All rights reserved.							
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This tutorial demonstrated how to determine if a code pair will be denied due to NCCI.

Refer to the CMS NCCI webpage for additional information at:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/index