

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

The screenshot shows the First Coast Service Options website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with categories like 'FL', 'Part A', 'Coronavirus (COVID-19)', 'Appeals', 'Billing', 'Claims Resources', 'Claims Review Programs', 'Coding', 'Contact Center', 'EDI', 'Education', 'Evaluation & Management', 'FAQs', 'Fee Schedules', 'Forms', 'Help & Resources', 'Institutional Providers', 'IVR Resources', 'LCDs/Medical Policy', 'Medical Documentation', 'Medical Review', 'PARD', 'PPS', 'Provider Enrollment', 'Provider Incentives', and 'Publications'. The 'Claims Review Programs' menu item is expanded, showing a sub-menu with 'CERT Program Resources Center', 'CERT A/B MAC Task Force', 'Inpatient MS-DRG', 'MUE', 'NCCI', 'NCCI lookup', and 'RAC'. The 'NCCI' item is highlighted with a red 'Click Box'. At the top, there is a search bar and a language selector for 'En Español'. A central banner features a 'MEDICARE KNOWLEDGE' title and a 'Click Box' with the text 'Attend an upcoming webcast ->'. Below this banner is a green callout box that reads 'Select NCCI from the Claims Review Programs submenu to continue.' To the right, there is a 'Quick clicks' section with links for 'Coronavirus / telehealth', 'Accelerated payment request', 'Processing issues', 'Fee schedules', '2020 deductible', 'ADR fax coversheet', 'Modifiers', 'Enroll as a provider', and 'Update provider information'. Below the quick clicks are three tiles: 'Look up fees >>', 'Find LCDs >>', and 'Check status >>'. At the bottom right, there is a red button that says 'Use the MBI now'.

Select NCCI from the Claims Review Programs submenu to continue.

The screenshot shows the First Coast Service Options website. The header includes the company logo and name. A search bar is located at the top right. The main navigation menu on the left lists various services such as Appeals, Billing, Claims Resources, and Coding. The main content area is titled "NCCI (National Correct Coding Initiative)" and features several news items and links. A prominent green callout box with white text reads: "Select National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) PTP (procedure to procedure) coding edits to continue." Below the callout, there are two circular certification logos: ISO 9001:2015 and a "CERTIFIED" logo. The footer contains a disclaimer, terms of use, and contact information.

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

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About CMS, Newsroom, Archive, Share, Help, and Print. Below this is the CMS.gov logo and the URL https://www.cms.gov/. A search bar is also present. The main navigation menu includes categories like Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination, Private Insurance, Innovation Center, Regulations & Guidance, Research, Statistics, Data & Systems, and Outreach & Education. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Medicare > National Correct Coding Initiative Edits > PTP Coding Edits. On the left, there is a sidebar for 'National Correct Coding Initiative Edits' with links to various manuals and updates. The main content area is titled 'PTP Coding Edits' and contains a paragraph explaining the transition of PTP edits from a Mutually Exclusive edit file to a Column One/Column Two Correct Coding edit file starting in NCCI version 18.1. A green box highlights the sentence: 'The Medicare NCCI procedure to procedure (PTP) coding edits page opens.'

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<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

[Hospital PTP Edits v260r3 effective January 1, 2020 \(535,100 records\) 0001M/80050 – 27894/G0471](#)
[Hospital PTP Edits v260r3 effective January 1, 2020 \(504,685 records\) 28001/0213T - 49999/49570](#)

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
95861	95907
95940	95872

Click the highlighted link below to continue.

[Practitioner PTP Edits v261r0 effective April 1, 2020 \(532,940 records\) 0001M/36591 – 25999/96523](#)
[Practitioner PTP Edits v261r0 effective April 1, 2020 \(529,534 records\) 26010/01810 – 36909/J2001](#)
[Practitioner PTP Edits v261r0 effective April 1, 2020 \(503,072 records\) 37140/0213T – 59899/96523](#)
[Practitioner PTP Edits v261r0 effective April 1, 2020 \(562,004 records\) 60000/0213T – R0075/R0070](#)

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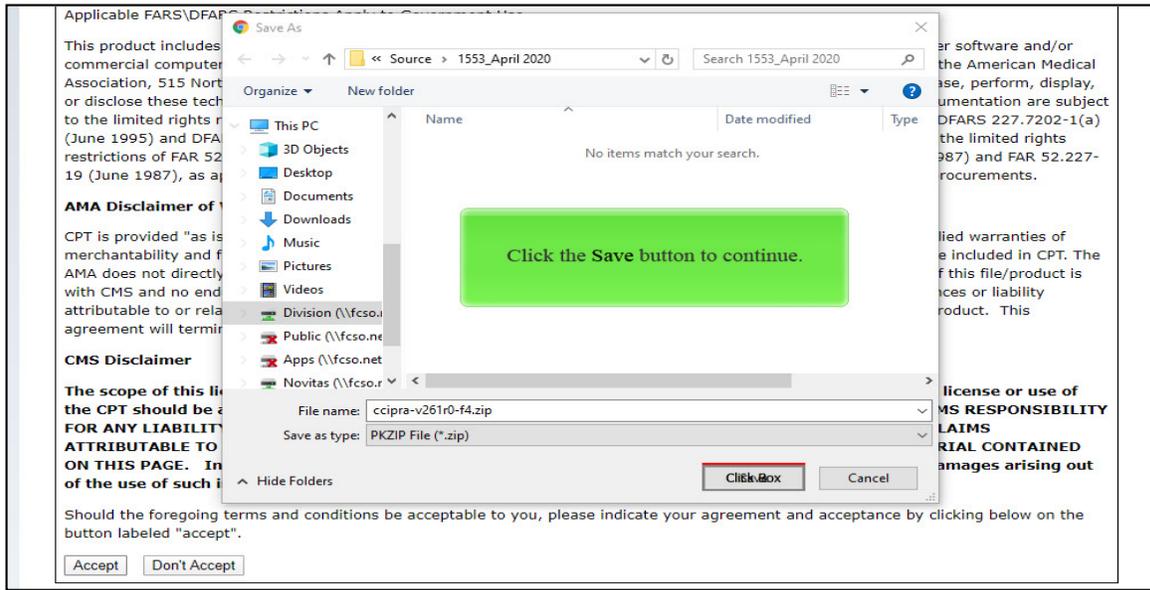
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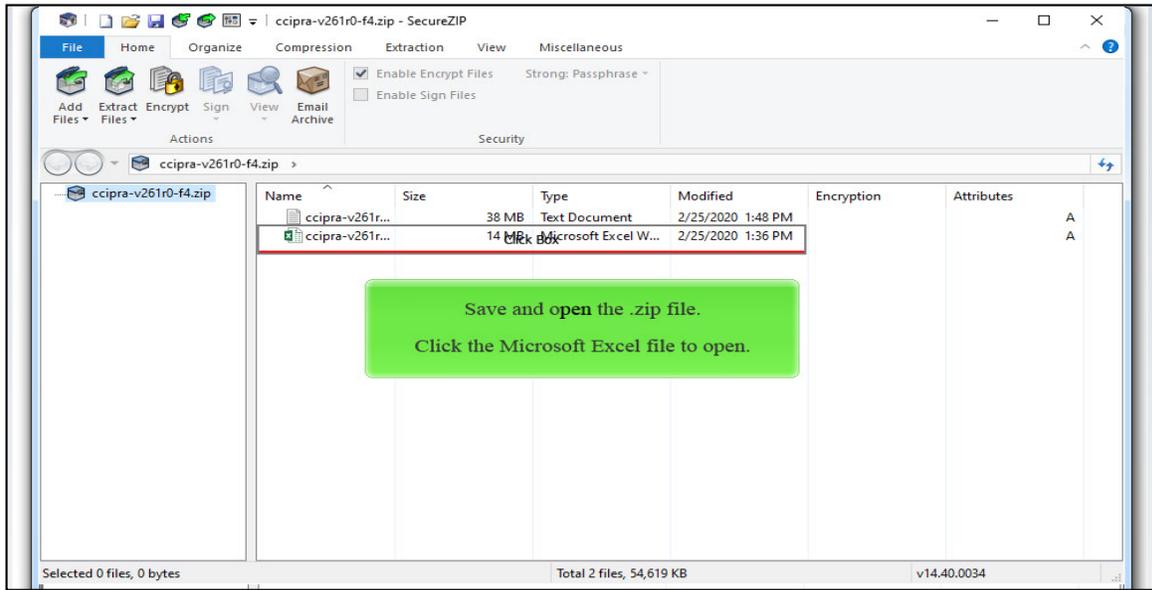
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Click the Save button to continue.



Save and open the .zip file.

Click the Microsoft Excel file to open.

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Column 1	Column 2	*=in existence prior to 1996	Effective Date	Deletion Date	Modifier	PTP Edit Rationale
				*=no data	0=not allowed 1=allowed 9=not applicable	
95861	95903		20120101	20121231	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95861	95904		20120101	20121231	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95861	95907		20130101	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95861	95908		20130101	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95861	95909		20130101	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95861	95910		20130101	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions

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

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

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95940	36591		20151001	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95940	36592		20151001	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions
95940	95872		20130101	*	1	Standards of medical / surgical practice
95940	95875		20130101	*	1	Standards of medical / surgical practice
95940	95941		20160701	*	1	Mutually exclusive procedures
95940	96523		20190401	*	0	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions

In this example:

95940-Continuous monitoring of nervous system during operation (**Paid**)

95872-Muscle test, one fiber (**Denied**)

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However, if both codes are clinically appropriate and an appropriate NCCI-associated modifier is used, the codes in both columns are eligible for payment.

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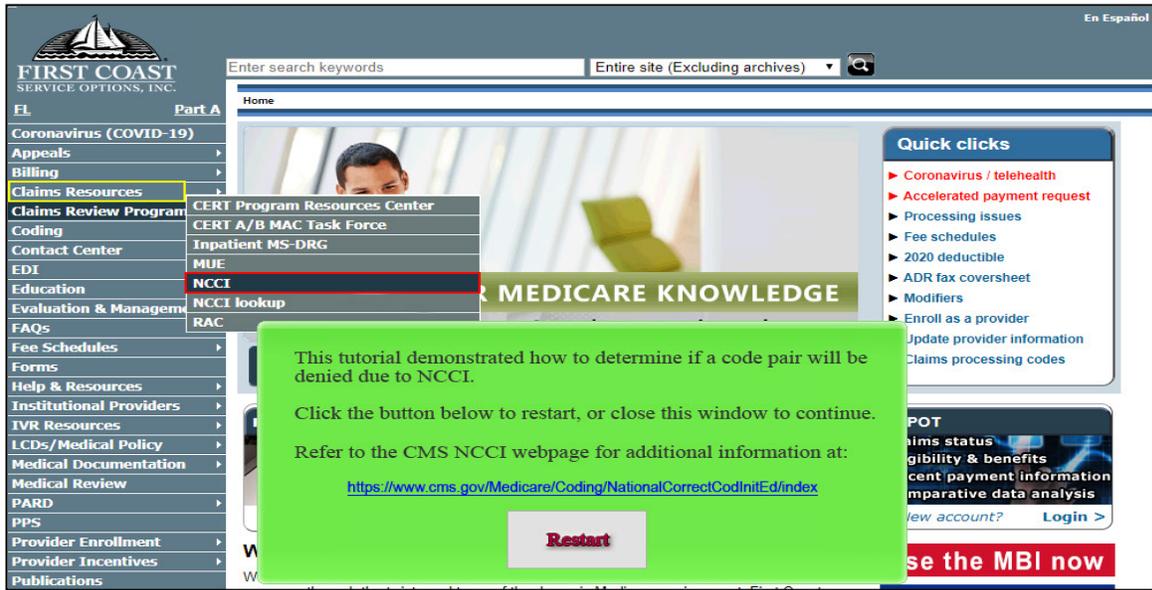
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Refer to the CMS NCCI webpage for additional information at:

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