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Dear Dr. Hale:

I thank you for your letter dated October 2, 2016 in which you comment about proposed National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure to procedure (PTP) edits. We discussed your letter with CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) which owns NCCI and makes all decisions about its contents. The PTP edits are listed on the Attachment.

CMS agrees with the AUGS comment which was the reason that CMS originally proposed to allow use of NCCI-associated modifiers with these edits. That is, if a provider performs the procedure described by CPT code 57267 (Insertion of mesh or other prosthesis for repair of pelvic floor defect, each site (anterior, posterior compartment), vaginal approach (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)) for a procedure listed in the *CPT Manual* as a primary procedure for add-on CPT code 57267 in addition to a third procedure reported with a CPT code listed as a column one code in one of the PTP edits, the physician may bypass the PTP edit with an NCCI-associated modifier.

These edits will be implemented in the January 1, 2017 version of NCCI.

CMS and we appreciate your assistance with the NCCI.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (one page)

ATTACHMENT – Proposed NCCI PTP edits with CPT code 57267 (Insertion of mesh or other prosthesis for repair of pelvic floor defect, each site (anterior, posterior compartment), vaginal approach (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)) to be implemented on January 1, 2017 in NCCI Version 23.0

Modifier indicator of “1” means that modifiers associated with the NCCI **MAY** be used to explain the **circumstances as described in the letter** where both procedures of a code pair edit may be reported on the same date of service by the same provider.

<u>Column 1 Code</u> (Payable service)	<u>Column 2 Code</u> (Denied Service)	<u>Modifier Indicator / Action</u>
57268	57267	1 / Will be added to NCCI on 1/1/2017
57270	57267	1 / Will be added to NCCI on 1/1/2017
57280	57267	1 / Will be added to NCCI on 1/1/2017
57288	57267	1 / Will be added to NCCI on 1/1/2017
57425	57267	1 / Will be added to NCCI on 1/1/2017