

# National Correct Coding Initiative

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Dear Dr. Hale:

I thank you for your letter dated November 24, 2015 in which you comment about active 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.

You request that CMS modify certain PTP edits that are similar to other PTP edits previously modified.

CMS will modify the PTP edits that you identified. See the Attachment for a listing of those edits to be deleted and those that will allow use of NCCI-associated modifiers in the future. These edit modifications will be effective in the April 1, 2016 version of NCCI.

CMS and we appreciate your assistance with the NCCI.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (one page)



**ATTACHMENT – NCCI PTP EXISTING EDIT MODIFICATIONS AND DELETIONS with open and laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomies paired with combined anteroposterior colporrhaphy and vaginal colpexies effective April 1, 2016 in NCCI Version 22.1**

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

<b><u>Column 1 Code</u></b> (Payable service)	<b><u>Column 2 Code</u></b> (Denied Service)	<b><u>Modifier Indicator / Action</u></b>
<b>58552</b>	<b>57260</b>	NCCI PTP edit will be deleted on 4/1/16
<b>58553</b>	<b>57260</b>	NCCI PTP edit will be deleted on 4/1/16
<b>58554</b>	<b>57260</b>	NCCI PTP edit will be deleted on 4/1/16
<b>58552</b>	<b>57280</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58552</b>	<b>57283</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58553</b>	<b>57280</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58553</b>	<b>57283</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58554</b>	<b>57280</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58554</b>	<b>57283</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16
<b>58291</b>	<b>57283</b>	Modifier indicator will be changed from 0 to 1 on 4/1/16