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Dear Dr. Volkar:

I thank you for your letter dated February 16, 2018 in which you comment about proposed National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure to procedure (PTP) edits. We discussed your correspondence with CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) which owns NCCI and makes all decisions about its contents.

You cited objections to proposed edits bundling CPT code **44312** (Revision of ileostomy; simple (release of superficial scar) (separate procedure)) into column one CPT codes identified on the Attachment. CMS will not implement these edits.

CMS and we appreciate your assistance with the NCCI.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (one page)



ATTACHMENT – Proposed NCCI PTP edit additions with CPT code 44312 (Revision of ileostomy; simple (release of superficial scar) (separate procedure)) with other open small intestine procedures which will NOT be implemented in NCCI at this time.

Modifier indicator of “0” means that modifiers associated with the NCCI **MAY NOT** be used to explain **any** circumstances where both procedures of a code pair edit may be reported for the same beneficiary, 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>
57265	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
57268	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
57270	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
57556	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
58263	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
58270	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
58280	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
58292	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.
58294	44312	0 / Will not be added to NCCI at this time.