



## Clover Health Rebundling and NCCI Edits Reimbursement Policy

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### **Disclaimer:**

Clover Health applies The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) criteria and guidelines, National Coverage Determinations (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), Clover Policies, and MCG for determining medical necessity. Clover Policies are intended to provide a standard guideline but are not used to preempt providers' judgment in rendering services. Providers are expected to provide care based on best practices and use their medical judgment for appropriate care.

### **Description:**

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), medical and surgical procedures should be reported with the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that most comprehensively describe the services performed. Clover Health had developed this policy to outline the use of NCCI editing as well as application of rebundling rules used when appropriate. This policy applies to all contract and non-contracted providers for all Clover Health Medicare Advantage Plans.

### **Definitions:**

- Rebundling
  - Rebundling is identifying and combining specific coding relationships into the most comprehensive and/or appropriate procedure code. Rebundling may occur when services are considered Incidental, Mutually Exclusive, Transferred, or Unbundled. Refer to these specific definitions for more detail.
- Unbundling



- Unbundling refers to using multiple CPT codes for the individual parts of the procedure, either due to misunderstanding or in an effort to increase payment.
- National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) -
  - The National Correct Coding Initiative is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program designed to prevent improper payment of procedures that should not be separately reimbursed.

**Policy:**

Clover Health follows Medicare NCCI editing including NCCI Procedure-to-Procedure (PTP) edits, Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE), and Add-on Code (AOC) Edits as well as Outpatient Code Edits (OCE) for outpatient facility claims.

NCCI PTP edits are included in the [Column One/Column Two Correct Coding files](#). Column One/Column Two code pairs are CPT/HCPC code pairs that prevent improper payment when associated Column One and Column Two codes are submitted for the same member on the same date of service by the same provider. The Column One code will be eligible for reimbursement however the Column Two code will be denied unless an appropriate NCCI PTP modifier is appended.

Clover recognized the following PTP Modifiers. Modifiers should only be used under appropriate circumstances: 24, 25, 57, 58, 59, 78, 79, 91, E1, E2, E3, E4, LC, LD, LM, LT, RC, RI, RT, TA, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, FA, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, XE, XP, XS and XU.

Anatomical modifiers will bypass code pair editing only when the procedures submitted are for different anatomical sites: E1, E2, E3, E4, LC, LD, LM, LT, RC, RI, RT, TA, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, FA, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, and F9

Please refer to Clover Medically Unlikely Edits Policy

Please refer to Clover Add-on Code Editing Policy

Clover follows Medicare NCCI OCE editing for outpatient hospital and other providers/supplier claims to ensure appropriate billing and coding of outpatient services.

Clover Health also edits for unbundled services that are submitted for a member by the same provider on the same date of service when a single comprehensive code is available. Unbundled services will be rebundled and reimbursed at the rate for the single comprehensive code.



<b><u>Claim Codes (if applicable)</u></b>	<a href="#">Add-on Codes</a> <a href="#">MUE Files</a> <a href="#">PTP Codes</a>
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References
<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NCCI-Coding-Edits">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NCCI-Coding-Edits</a>
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