

Health Care Professionals

ClaimCheck®

Frequently Asked Questions
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ClaimCheck® is an automated code auditing tool developed by McKesson that CIGNA uses for all medical products to help expedite and improve the accuracy of claim processing.

CIGNA will update ClaimCheck 8.5 to Knowledge Base Version 45 and National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Version 16.0 Column 1/Column 2 (Incidental) and Mutually Exclusive code edits on May 17, 2010. CIGNA will then update ClaimCheck 8.5 to Knowledge Base Version 45 and National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Version 16.1 Column 1/Column 2 (Incidental) and Mutually Exclusive code edits on July 19, 2010.

1. What types of claims does ClaimCheck audit?

CIGNA applies ClaimCheck auditing to all professional claims (i.e., claims submitted on a CMS 1500 form).

2. Does CIGNA modify ClaimCheck edits?

CIGNA may modify or customize ClaimCheck edits to comply with medical coverage policies, contracts or mandated benefits. ClaimCheck edits, whether created by McKesson or customized by CIGNA, are accessible with Clear Claim Connection™. This disclosure tool allows the user to enter code combinations, immediately view the code audit results, and read the supporting clinical rationales. The Clear Claim Connection tool and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the secure CIGNA for Health Care Professionals website (www.cignaforhcp.com > eServices > View Claim Coding Edits).

3. Are ClaimCheck edits based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines?

With ClaimCheck 8.5, CIGNA began applying National Correct Coding Initiative Incidental (also known as Column 1 / Column 2 edits) and Mutually Exclusive Edits to all professional claims. Some ClaimCheck edits equate to NCCI edits, but not all. Also, many CMS guidelines are applied using the ClaimCheck software.

4. Is there a list of all of the ClaimCheck edits?

There is no published, comprehensive list of the over four million ClaimCheck edits. Instead, CIGNA provides access to all ClaimCheck edits and the clinical logic supporting them by offering the Clear Claim Connection disclosure tool on its secure web site. Clear Claim Connection also displays National Correct Coding Initiative Incidental and Mutually Exclusive Edits and the NCCI statement logic.

5. Where can I find additional information?

Additional information about ClaimCheck, Clear Claim Connection, and other CIGNA modifier and reimbursement policies is available on the secure CIGNA for Health Care Professionals (www.cignaforhcp.com > Resources > Secure Information).

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4/15/2010	Updated ClaimCheck and NCCI version information, effective May 17, 2010. Updated ClaimCheck and NCCI version information, effective July 19, 2010.
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4/13/2009	Posted update to ClaimCheck 8.5 Knowledge Base 42, National Correct Coding Initiative Version 14.3.

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