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MEDICAL CALLS

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Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook—Now Available on ncci.com

ACTION NEEDED

This circular announces the availability of the newly released *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* on ncci.com. The *Guidebook* contains the rules, requirements, and examples for the accurate and timely reporting of the Medical Data Call to NCCI.

Please read the information provided in this circular as you take the steps necessary to prepare for the Call.

BACKGROUND

The Medical Data Call will begin with medical transactions occurring in 3rd Quarter 2010, due to be reported to NCCI by the end of 4th Quarter 2010.

Earlier this year, NCCI released the *Medical Data Call Implementation Guide* to provide the primary components of the Call requirements, enabling Call participants to begin their initial preparations and planning efforts.

The new *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* completely replaces the *Implementation Guide*.

IMPACT

The *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* is the newest addition to NCCI's Manuals Library on ncci.com. It provides the essential information needed to understand all aspects of the Call requirements, including details on the record layout, reporting requirements, Call structure, business exclusion option, eligible states, and more.

Current subscribers to the online data manuals will automatically have access to the *Guidebook*. If you are not a current data manuals subscriber, you can sign up by contacting our Customer Service Center at 800-NCCI-123 (select option 7 for Products and Services). Once your subscription is activated, you will have access to all of the data manuals in the Manuals Library—including the new *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook*.

While this manual is only available electronically, we are providing a downloadable PDF version of the *Guidebook*, which can be accessed from the Medical Data Web section on ncci.com.

Setting Up Notification Preferences on ncci.com

We encourage all data providers to set their preferences to receive automatic e-mails and alerts as new communications about the Medical Data Call are released. The easy three-step process is as follows:

Step #1—Access My Preferences from the top of the Home page on ncci.com

Step #2—Click the Update Notifications Preferences option

Step #3—Select the Data option, and check the Medical Data notification boxes

NCCI ACTION

NCCI will continue to communicate the latest information and provide industry training for the Medical Data Call. The following timeline represents the activities currently planned:

2008

- In August, the *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* was added to the Manuals Library on ncci.com, and a PDF version was made available within the Medical Data Reporting Web section.
- In November, online registration for the Medical Data Call Workshop (scheduled for February 24, 2009) will be available on ncci.com.

2009

- On February 24, NCCI will conduct the initial Medical Data Call Workshop, a one-day training event to be held in West Palm Beach, FL.
- Throughout 2009, the latest information will be made available on **ncci.com**, including additional training opportunities that *may* be offered later in the year.
- The *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* will continue to be updated as new information, such as the certification process, becomes available.

2010

- Beginning in 2nd Quarter 2010, NCCI will start the certification process. All Call participants will be required to complete certification testing prior to the reporting of their first production submission.
- The Medical Data Call will begin with medical transactions occurring in 3rd Quarter 2010.
- The initial 3rd Quarter 2010 medical transactions will be reportable to NCCI by the close of 4th Quarter 2010. The *Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook* provides the reporting options.

PERSON TO CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 800-NCCI-123 (800-622-4123). We're here to assist you Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET. For faster service, use our simple online form at **ncci.com**.
