

# April 2019 CCI Updates

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**Our focus:** The topic here is Medicare practitioner procedure-to-procedure (PTP) Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits that will be added April 1, 2019.

### CCI July News About Modifier Placement

Because we're talking about CCI, it's a good time to mention a recent announcement from Medicare about bypassing CCI edits.

Currently when you use modifier 59, XE, XS, XP, or XU to override an edit, Medicare's Multi-Carrier System (MCS) requires you to place the modifier on the column two code of the CCI PTP edit pair. **Starting July 1, 2019**, Medicare has stated that the MCS will accept these modifiers on either the column one or column two code to bypass the edit. The edit will still need to have a modifier indicator of 1 for you to consider overriding the edit based on the documentation.

**Remember the date:** The plan is for that change to be effective July 1, 2019.

### April CCI Addition

With so many additions to the CCI edits, we can't go over each one (that's why you need an easy way to check CCI edits).

**Lesion removal:** Many of the edits feature 113xx codes for shaving of epidermal or dermal lesions and 17xxx codes for destruction procedures on benign or premalignant integumentary lesions. To allow for reporting these bundled procedures on distinct body parts, you can expect to see a modifier indicator of 1 for these edits.