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What's new in INCISIVE MD?

This document describes the most recent updates to INCISIVE MD. This release updates the application for the first quarter (Q1) 2010 national Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits update, the annual AMA CPT procedure code update, and new 2010 contract terms for Medicare and Illinois Workers' Compensation.

Who should read these release notes?

If you are an INCISIVE MD user ...

Read this entire document for revised features included in this update.

If you are the clinic technical contact ...

No action is required by you. The INCISIVE MD application will auto-detect and install the update when the user attempts to log into the application following the release of the update. For clinics using terminal services, please contact INCISIVE Support for instructions and the update to manually upgrade your users' profiles.

We have moved!

We have moved our offices to a new location as of 28 December 2009. Our new mailing address is below and should be used for any billing or correspondence to us.

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Our telephone and email addresses have not changed during this move.

Medicare 2010 Physician Fee Schedule

The Medicare 2010 Physician Fee Schedule released on 1 November 2009 and updated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on 12/23/2009 is included with this update. An amendment to this year's Defense Authorization bill eliminated the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula that would have required this year's conversion factor to be \$28.3769, a 21.2% decrease from 2009. The conversion factor for 2010 is \$36.0846, a 1.012% increase from 2009.

Illinois Workers' Compensation 2010 Fee Schedule

The 2010 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission physician fee schedule, effective 1 January 2010, is included in this update. This year's fee schedule includes a 1.48% **decrease** from 2009 based upon last year's change to the Consumer Price Index. This update corrects the problem of the application stopping to work when a coding a surgery with a date of service after 1/1/2010 using the Illinois Workers' Compensation contract.

AMA CPT 2010 Procedure Code Updates

The AMA® CPT® 2010 orthopaedic related procedure code additions, deletions, and revisions are incorporated into this release. Customers interested in viewing a list of

these changes may view a summary document that is available on the INCISIVE Support website. The two significant changes related to orthopaedic coding are:

- The greater specification of tumor excision or radical resection procedures
- The revision of paravertebral facet joint injection procedures

National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Update

This update includes the First Quarter 2010 CCI update, version 16.0. For this update, 10,470 new or changed coding edits have been added to INCISIVE MD. A majority of these edit pairs are related to the new paravertebral facet joint injection procedures (CPT 64490 – 64495). Customers interested in viewing a list of these CCI edits may view a summary document, which is available on INCISIVE Support website.

Medicare Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)

Medicare continues to refine and expand its PQRI program, for 2010 they have restructured many of the quality indicators into measurement groups. The quality indicators related to orthopaedic surgery have been grouped together under the Perioperative Care Measures Group. We have updated the quality indicators for Measures 20, “Perioperative Care: Timing of Antibiotic Prophylaxis – Ordering Physician”; 21, “Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin”; 22, “Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics (Non-Cardiac Procedures)”; and 23, “Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)”; included in this measurement group. In addition, they have added a new measurement group related to Back Pain which has not been included with this update; we will be adding this measurement group in a future release.

New Consulting Reports

Medicare Consult Procedure Code Impact Analysis

As most of you are aware by now, Medicare has decided to no longer pay for consults. If you submit a claim with a inpatient or outpatient consultation code after 1 Jan 2010, that claim line will be rejected for submitting an invalid procedure code. Based upon the office visit documentation, physicians and coders will need to work together to determine the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E&M) code to use instead of a consult code. There is no available cross walk between these two groups of codes. Previously, consultation codes had about a 25% premium over comparable office visit procedure codes. Given the high volume of consults generated by orthopaedic surgeons, we have created and distributed a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to our INCISIVE RS customers to estimate the impact of this change on their Medicare revenue. We estimate a 35% to 50% decrease in last year’s consultation revenue for these customers.

If any INCISIVE MD customer would like this spreadsheet to do their own impact analysis, please contact INCISIVE Support to obtain a copy of it. To complete the analysis, you will only need each physician’s CPT consult code count.

Medicare E&M Profile Spreadsheet

Another report we have created for our INCISIVE RS customers is a spreadsheet comparing each physicians’ E&M coding patterns against the physician’s specialty and Medicare locality, state, and national ratios using Medicare’s 2008 (latest year available)

procedure code summary data. The report provides numerical as well as easy to view graphs of each E&M code group. We also provide a series of statistical ratios for comparing physicians to their geographical and specialty peers along with a What-If analysis of the money that may be at risk or left on the table if the physician is over or under coding.

For INCISIVE MD customers, this spreadsheet may be requested from INCISIVE Support. We will customize it for each physician requested for their specialty and geographical locations.

How do I contact INCISIVE Support?

During normal business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Time, you may contact technical support at (503) 546-5323 or by email at support@crosscurrentinc.com. Our INCISIVE MD Support website also offers resources to help answer basic questions about the software.