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Dear Ms. Evans:

I thank you for your letter dated June 8, 2007 in which you comment about the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit with column one CPT code 63075 (discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s) . . . ; cervical, single interspace) and column two CPT code 0090T (total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy to prepare interspace (other than decompression), cervical; single interspace). We discussed your letter with CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) which owns NCCI and makes all decisions about its contents.

CMS will delete this edit retroactive to its implementation date of April 1, 2007. This deletion will appear in NCCI version 13.3 scheduled for October 1, 2007. Claims denied based on this edit may be resubmitted to local carriers for adjustment after this date.

CMS and we appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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