

**WAC 182-500-0075 Medical assistance definitions—N. "National correct coding initiative (NCCI)"** is a national standard for the accurate and consistent description of medical goods and services using procedural codes. The standard is based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual, current standards of medical and surgical coding practice, input from specialty societies, and analysis of current coding practices. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) maintain NCCI policy. Information can be found at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/>.

**"National provider indicator (NPI)"** is a federal system for uniquely identifying all providers of health care services, supplies, and equipment.

**"NCCI edit"** is a software step used to determine if a claim is billing for a service that is not in accordance with federal and state statutes, federal and state regulations, agency or the agency's designee's fee schedules, billing instructions, and other publications. The agency or the agency's designee has the final decision whether the NCCI edits allow automated payment for services that were not billed in accordance with governing law, NCCI standards or agency or agency's designee policy.

**"Nonapplying spouse"** see "spouse" in WAC 182-500-0100.

**"Nonbilling provider"** is a health care professional enrolled with the agency only as an ordering, referring, prescribing provider for the Washington medicaid program and who is not otherwise enrolled as a medicaid provider with the agency.

**"Noncovered service"** see "covered service" in WAC 182-500-0020.

**"Nonphysician practitioner"** means the following professionals who work in collaboration with an ordering physician: Nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, or physician assistant.

**"Nursing facility"** see "institution" in WAC 182-500-0050.

**"Nursing facility long-term care services"** are services in a nursing facility when a person does not meet the criteria for rehabilitation. Most long-term care assists people with support services. (Also called custodial care.)

**"Nursing facility rehabilitative services"** are the planned interventions and procedures which constitute a continuing and comprehensive effort to restore a person to the person's former functional and environmental status, or alternatively, to maintain or maximize remaining function.

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