



Bulletin #12-09

TO: Participating hospitals and select ambulatory surgical centers

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SUBJECT: Correction of revenue code typographical errors

We are sending this bulletin to explain two typographical errors on previous correlation tables.

- On the **July 1, 2008**, and subsequent correlation tables, revenue code 480 was incorrectly listed in both the surgery and cardiology sections of the table. Revenue code 480 is correlated **only** to the cardiology correlation edit and not the surgery correlation edit. The duplicate listing was a printing error only, and no change was made to the associated claims processing logic.
- On the **January 1, 2009**, correlation table, revenue code 499 was incorrectly listed under both of the surgical sections of the correlation table. Revenue code 499 is **only** a category 9 revenue code and not a category M-8 revenue code. The duplicate listing was a printing error only, and no change was made to the associated claims processing logic.

Corrections to both typographical errors were included in the July 1, 2009, correlation table.

If you changed your billing practices and submitted surgical codes on a claim with revenue code 480, or you submitted surgical codes in category M-8 with revenue code 499, you may have noticed that these claims were rejected correctly. You may resubmit any rejected claims for these reasons in accordance with the July 1, 2009, correlation table for reprocessing.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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