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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 955

**DATE:** October 18, 2010

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Targeted Case Management (TCM) Providers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** TCM - Properly Declaring Units of Service for a Given Date

**EFFECTIVE:** December 1, 2010

Part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires that states must enforce certain national editing standards for all Medicaid claims. The standards are referred to as the "National Correct Coding Initiative" (NCCI). As a result, the IME requires providers to identify the exact date on which a service was provided, including how many units of service were given on an individual day.

The IME expects all Medicaid providers to bill consistent with these standards. However, we appreciate that Targeted Case Management providers may need time to make system and/or procedure changes in order to comply with this requirement. Therefore the IME has set the implementation date for Targeted Case Management Providers as December 1, 2010.

**To meet this requirement**, the IME strongly recommends that targeted case management providers **do not bill date spans** on the Medicaid claim form (or electronic equivalent). By avoiding date spans (therefore billing with an individual line for each date a service is provided), units are always specifically declared for the individual day listed.

For providers billing electronically and needing assistance with multiple line claims, please contact your software vendor and refer them to this letter.

Informational Letter 940 describes this requirement for other providers and gives information on how units for date spans are interpreted on claims. Further information regarding Iowa Medicaid's implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative can be found at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally (in Des Moines) at 256-4609, or e-mail at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).