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**To:** All IEHP Covered (CCA) Providers

**From:** IEHP - Claims

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**Subject: Proper Use of Z Diagnosis Codes Required when Billing IEHP Covered (CCA) Services**

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As a reminder, **IEHP Covered (CCA) is a commercial health plan with varying member cost shares. As such, and so the appropriate cost shares are applied, National Correct Coding Initiative rules will be enforced on Provider claims.**

Providers may experience denied claims if improperly utilizing Z Diagnosis Codes.

**Use of Z Codes in Any Healthcare Setting:**

Z Diagnosis Codes are for use in any healthcare setting. Z Diagnosis Codes may be used as either a first-listed (principal diagnosis code in the inpatient setting) or secondary code, depending on the circumstances of the encounter. **Certain Z Diagnosis Codes may only be used as first-listed or principal diagnosis.**

Claims billed with First-Listed only diagnosis codes in secondary diagnosis fields will be denied and the provider must send a corrected claim.

The information above is accurate per NCCI coding guidelines as of August 2024. This information and the billing rules for these diagnosis codes may change at any time. For up-to-day information about correct coding, please use the CMS website and/or an appropriate medical procedure coding manual of your choosing.

Please reference [2024 April 1-ICD-10-CM Guidelines \(cms.gov\)](https://www.cms.gov) for a detailed list of Z Diagnosis Codes that may only be principal/first-listed diagnosis.

[www.cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov) > search “2024 April 1-ICD-10-CM Guidelines”

If you have any questions, please contact the IEHP Covered(CCA) Provider Call Center at (909) 291-8691, (844) 248-4347 (IEHP) or email [ProviderServices@iehp.org](mailto:ProviderServices@iehp.org)

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