



Clinical editing billing tips

Frequency edits

One of the edits we have in place that occasionally raises questions deals with frequency. These edits are put in place over time and may involve services, visits or drugs. Depending on what is being reviewed, it may be very simple. For example, a lifetime edit is a service that a person can only receive once per lifetime, such as an appendectomy.

Others, though, become more involved. This can occur when the edits are on a rolling calendar. This may occur with allergy treatments or certain drugs.

An example where this occurs is Lupron. This drug dosage should not exceed 90 mg in 48 weeks. The dosage is administered according to 7.5mg equals one unit. So essentially no more than 12 units can be administered over a 48-week period. Physicians typically give this every four months or every six months. As long as a consistent scheduling is followed, there are no issues with the edit firing. If the scheduling is inconsistent, it may appear the patient is receiving more than the required dose and an edit will occur. In that case, you'll need to appeal.

Being aware of appropriate scheduling will help to avoid edits. If you do receive an edit, submit a clinical editing appeal with the required documentation for a timely review.