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Dear Subscriber,

This is to notify you that effective January 1, 2015 the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) will no longer distribute the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS), or the Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Unfortunately, NTIS can no longer manage these products in a cost sustainable manner as federally mandated. NTIS can extend your subscription until December 31, 2014 but will not renew it for a full year.

To extend your subscription to NCC Policy Manual Column 1 (including individual chapters), NCC Policy Manual Column 2, NCC Searchable CD with Flip Viewer, NCC CD with Search, NCC ASCII Raw Data (CD and Download), CC+ Edit, Hospital OPSS ASCII Data (CD and Download), Hospital OPSS Searchable CD or the I/OCE until December 31, 2014, please email [ncc-ioce@ntis.gov](mailto:ncc-ioce@ntis.gov) from January 15 thru September 15, 2014 for pricing and ordering information. Please allow 10 business days for processing your request.

You may also get the NCCI and HOPPS ASCII Raw Data Files from CMS at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/NCCI-Coding-Edits.html>. Before downloading the files, review the licensing and royalty requirements of the American Medical Association (AMA) at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/coding-billing-insurance/cpt.page> or call (312) 464-5022. For information regarding the NCCI and HOPPS files after December 31, 2014, please visit the CMS NCCI webpage at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/NCCI-Coding-Edits.html>.

The I/OCE is not a downloadable product from the CMS website. For information regarding the I/OCE after December 31, 2014, please visit the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) website at [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/index.html?redirect=/OutpatientCodeEdit/02\\_OCEQtrReleaseSpecs.asp](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/index.html?redirect=/OutpatientCodeEdit/02_OCEQtrReleaseSpecs.asp).

NTIS has been pleased to provide you with these products over the years and will strive to orchestrate the transition for distributing the CMS products in as smooth a manner as possible. If you have any questions please call NTIS Subscriptions at 800-363-2068.

Regards,

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