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Dear Drs. Cheng and Woo:

I thank you for your letter dated February 3, 2015 in which you comment about Chapter 8, Section C (#24) of the *National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Policy Manual for Medicare Services*. We discussed your letter and other submitted materials with CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) which owns NCCI and makes all decisions about its contents.

CMS will consider your suggestion for the 2016 version of the Manual which will probably be posted on the CMS NCCI website in mid-November of 2015. CMS does not announce decisions about the Manual until it is posted. If you have any further comments about this issue after the new version of the Manual is posted, please do not hesitate to contact us.

CMS and we appreciate your assistance with the NCCI.

Sincerely,

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