



News Flash – On July 13, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) announced two complementary final rules to implement the electronic health records (EHR) incentive program under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. Announcement of these regulations marks the completion of multiple steps laying the groundwork for the incentive payments program. To learn more about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs, visit the CMS-dedicated website for this program at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms> on the CMS website.

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Change Physician Specialty Code 12 to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and/or Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Effective January 1, 2011, Medicare claims processing systems will be revised to change the name of physician specialty code 12 from Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. Medicare's Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) will also recognize physician specialty code 12 as a valid specialty code for Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 6890, issued to your carrier or MAC, regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2035CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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