

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
January 2005**

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the January Quarter that will not be released by January 1, 2005. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of April 1, 2005.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<u>April 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes</u> Transmittal 514, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 1 MB)	Released: 03/30/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>April 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes</u> Transmittal 508, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 1 MB)	Released: 03/18/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for Intravenous Globulin (IVIG)</u> Transmittal 507, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 136 KB)	Released: 03/18/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>April Update to the Medicare Non-OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 20.2</u> Transmittal 503, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 193 KB)	Released: 03/11/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>New Contrast Agents Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes</u> Transmittal 502, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 103 KB)	Released: 03/11/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Implantable Automatic Defibrillators</u> Transmittal 497, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 67 KB)	Released: 03/08/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Implantable Automatic Defibrillators</u> Transmittal 29, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual (PDF - 93 KB)	Released: 03/04/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Implantable Automatic Defibrillators</u> Transmittal 488, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 427 KB)	Released: 03/04/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>April 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective April 1, 2005, and New January 2005 Quarterly ASP File</u> Transmittal 480, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 31 KB)	Released: 02/25/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>1st Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database</u> Transmittal 475, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 88 KB)	Released: 02/11/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits,</u>	Released: 02/04/2005

Version 11.1, Effective April 1, 2005. Transmittal 466, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 83 KB)	Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments</u> Transmittal 63, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 22 KB)	Released: 02/02/2005 Impl. Date: 02/08/2005
<u>April 2005 Quarterly Fee Schedule Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)</u> Transmittal 451, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 81 KB)	Released: 01/28/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>April Quarterly Update to 2005 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement</u> Transmittal 449, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 142 KB)	Released: 01/24/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update</u> Transmittal 436, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 43 KB)	Released: 01/21/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Psychotherapy Notes</u> Transmittal 98, Program Integrity Manual (PDF - 54 KB)	Released: 01/21/2005 Impl. Date: 02/22/2005
<u>Update to Billing Requirements for FDG-PET Scans for Use in the Differential Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and Fronto-Temporal Dementia (FTD) and Update to the FI Billing Requirements for Special Payment Procedures for ALL PET Scan Claims for Services Performed in a Critical Access Hospital (CAH)</u> Transmittal 428, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 50 KB)	Released: 01/14/2005 Impl. Date: 04/04/2005
<u>Updated Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Pay File for April 2005</u> Transmittal 431, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 147 KB)	Released: 01/14/2005 Impl. Date: 02/14/2005
<u>January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes</u> Transmittal 423, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 168 KB)	Released: 01/06/2004 Impl. Date: 01/14/2005
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
Interest Rate CR	Not yet released
FDG-PET for 6 Cancers	Not yet released
TOS Update	Not yet released
PPS Pricer Update	Not yet released
Remittance Advice Reason and Remark Code Update	Not yet released
Claims Status Codes Update	Not yet released
Physician Participation Enrollment (PARDOC) Annual Update	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule Updates	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient PPS-Quarterly Update: (Includes OCE and PRICER)	Not yet released
April Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version XX	Not yet released

Changes to the FY 2005 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)	Not yet released
Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504, 508(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)-PRICER Updates	Not yet released
Additions and Deletions of HCPCS Codes	Not yet released
Update to K Codes	Not yet released
Instructions for Downloading the Medicare ZIP Code File	Not yet released
ASC Rates-Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Quarterly Update to HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing	Not yet released
HHA, PPS Rates (MMA)	Not yet released
SNF Consolidated Billing Update	Not yet released
SNF No Pay File	Not yet released
Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software	Not yet released
Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File	Not yet released
PECOS Files	Not yet released
Instructions for Completion of CMS-1450 Billing Form	Not yet released
Payment of Immunosuppressive Drug Therapy	Not yet released
Temporary Instructions for Processing Home Health Agency Claims for Beneficiaries Eligible for Medicare and the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan	Not yet released
Upcoding/Downcoding	Not yet released
Revisions to Instructions for Contactors Other than the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCI) Specialty Contractor Regarding Claims for Beneficiaries with RNHCI Elections	Not yet released
Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 30 Edits	Not yet released
Manual Changes, Pub. 100-02, Sections 220 and 230	Not yet released
Psychotherapy Notes	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)	Not yet released
Misclassified Drugs and Biologicals	Not yet released
Adjudication of Claims from a Successful Challenge of a National Coverage Determination (NCD) to the Department Appeals Board (DAB) Under Section 522 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) 2000	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Use of Modifiers 52, 73, and 74 for Reduced or Discontinued Services	Not yet released
Change to the Common Working File Skilled Nursing	Not yet released

Facility Consolidated Billing Edits for Critical Access Hospitals that Elect the Method II Payment Option and Bill Physician Services to their FIs	
Modification to Instructions Related to the Do Not Forward Initiative	Not yet released
Updating the J Codes used for Billing Non-Recombinant and Recombinant Blood Clotting Factors	Not yet released
Use of 12 X Type of Bill (TOB) for Billing Vaccines (Influenza, PPV, and Hep B) and their Administration	Not yet released
Requirement that Medicare Carrier System Not Allow the Re-review of Previously Denied Claims	Not yet released
Update to Billing Requirements for FDG-PET for Use in Differential Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and Fronto-Temporal Dementia	Not yet released
Elimination of Fiscal Intermediary Issuance of Standard Paper Remittance (SPR) Advice Notices to Providers Receiving Electronic Remittance Advice for More than 30 Days	Not yet released
Update to Therapy Code Lists (Pub. 100-04)	Not yet released
Update to Therapy Services (Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Sections 220 & 230)	Not yet released
Calculating Payment-to-Cost Ratios for Purposes of Determining Transitional Corridor Payments Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)	Not yet released
Update to FY 2005 Wage Index for IPPS and OPPS Hospitals	Not yet released
Further Information Related to IPF/PPS for April 2005	Not yet released