

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update January 2006

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the January Quarter that will not be released by January 1, 2006. 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, 2006.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
April 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes Transmittal R886CP, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 122 KB)	Released: 03/24/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
April 2006 Update to the Medicare outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 21.2 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS) Transmittal R886CP, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 138 KB)	Released: 03/10/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
April 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 7.1 Transmittal R888CP, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF – 1 MB)	Released: 03/10/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Revisions to Chapter 13, Medicare Managed Care Beneficiary Grievances, Organization Determinations, and Appeals Applicable to Medicare Advantage Plans, Cost Plans, and Health Care Prepayment Plans (HCPPs), (collectively referred to as Medicare health plans) Transmittal R80MCM, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF -546 KB)	Released: 03/03/2006 Impl. Date: N/A
April Quarterly Update for 2006 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule Transmittal R880CP, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 91 KB)	Released: 03/03/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Scheduled Release for April 2006 Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files Transmittal R36GI, Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual (PDF – 193 KB)	Released: 02/24/2006 Impl. Date: 03/27
Type of Service (TOS) Corrections Transmittal R870, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 133 KB)	Released: 02/24/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03
New Waived Tests Transmittal R872, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 134 KB)	Released: 02/24/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03
April 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File and Revisions to January 2005, April 2005, July 2005, October 2005, and January 2006 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files Transmittal R876, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 251 KB)	Released: 02/24/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03
Changes in MCM Chapter 11, Medicare Advantage Application Procedures and Contract Requirements Transmittal R79MCM, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 320 KB)	Released: 02/17/2006 Impl. Date: N/A
Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update Transmittal R859, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF – 137 KB)	Released: 02/17/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006

Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2006 Transmittal R864, Medicare Name Of Manual (PDF - 52 KB)	Released: 02/17/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.1, Effective April 1, 2006 Transmittal R824, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 142 KB)	Released: 02/01/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
April Quarterly Update to the 2006 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement Transmittal R826, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 126 KB)	Released: 02/01/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments Transmittal 90, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 117 KB)	Released: 01/19/2006 Impl. Date: 01/25/2006
Revisions to Chapter 5, "Quality Improvement." Transmittal 78, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 601 KB)	Released: 01/20/2006 Impl. Date: N/A
Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update Transmittal 814, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 106 KB)	Released: 01/20/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update Transmittal 815, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 101 KB)	Released: 01/20/2006 Impl. Date: 04/03/2006
Annual Update to the Therapy Code List Transmittal 805, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 107 KB)	Released: 01/06/2006 Impl. Date: 02/06/2006
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
Interest Rate CR	Not yet released
Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update	Not yet released
Medicare Part B ASP Drug Pricing Files	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update	Not yet released
Update to List of CLIA Waived Tests	Not yet released
Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version X.X	Not yet released
Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes	Not yet released
Long Term Care-Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Home Health Consolidated Billing HCPCS Code—Quarterly Update	Not yet released
SNF Consolidated Billing Update—Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Clinical Lab Edit Table Update	Not yet released
Hospice Rates & Hospice Wage Index—Update	Not yet released

Hospital PPS, related TEFRA, FME, and Other Hospital; Rule—Annual Updates (INPATIENT), GROUPER, MCE— Update	Not yet released
SNF PPS Rates—Update	Not yet released
IRF Update: PPS Pricer Changes for FY 2006	Not yet released
ASC CPT Codes & Inflation Adjustment--Update	Not yet released
ICD-9-Update	Not yet released
New ZIP Code File—Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Update to the Medicare Non-OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 20.1 for Bills from Hospitals that are not paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)	Not yet released
Type of Service (TOS) Update	Not yet released
Noridian North Dakota/South Dakota Carrier Number Issue	Not yet released
OPPS Pricer Changes	Not yet released