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January 2007 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 8.0

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All providers billing outpatient services to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) that are paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 2, 2007.
- MLN Matters article MM5425 and related Change Request (CR) 5425 inform FIs, RHHIs, and A/B MACs that the April 2005 OPPS OCE specifications have been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions, and it instructs FIs, RHHIs, and A/B MACs to install the updated January 2007 OPPS OCE Specifications (Version 8.0) into their systems.
- The modifications of the OCE/Ambulatory Patient Classification (APC) for the January 2007 release (V8.0) are summarized in the table on page 2 of MM5425.
- Some OCE/ APC modifications in the release may also be retroactively added to prior releases. If so, the retroactive date appears in the "Effective Date" column in this table.
- Providers should also read the specifications in the official instruction (CR5425) and note the highlighted sections, which also indicate changes from the prior release of the software.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5425.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5425) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1155CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.