



Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (IOCE) Personal Computer (PC) (interactive and batch) Re-Write – JA6709

Note: MLN Matters® article MM6709 was revised to reflect a revised Change Request (CR) 6709. The effective date (see below), implementation date, CR release date, transmittal number, and the Web address for accessing CR6709 were revised. All other information remains the same.

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| Key Words | MM6709, CR6709, R628OTN, Integrated, Outpatient, Code, Editor, IOCE, PC, Interactive |
| Contractors Affected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) |
| Provider Types Affected | Provider types affected are all providers who submit institutional outpatient claims (including non-outpatient prospective payment system (non-OPPS) hospitals) to MACs, FIs, or RHHIs for outpatient services provided to Medicare beneficiaries. |



- CR6709 notifies providers of the intended re-write of the IOCE PC software (interactive and batch) to the Java programming language with InstallAnywhere for installation software.
- Providers should be sure billing staffs using the PC-based IOCE are aware of these changes.
- Once the rewrite is complete, providers will need to obtain the new version.

- Provider Needs to Know...**
- Per 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1194 (508 Standards), regardless of the format, all Web content or communications materials produced (including text, audio or video) must conform to applicable Section 508 standards.
 - All contractors (including subcontractors) or consultants responsible for preparing or posting content must comply with applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, and where applicable, those set forth in the referenced policy or standards documents.
 - The new PC-based IOCE software will:
 - Make the interactive product fully comply to current Section 508 accessibility standards for electronic and information technology; and
 - Standardize current Java-based development platform technology to streamline future development and increase re-usability.
 - This re-write does not affect the mainframe version of the IOCE installed and run by Medicare's Fiscal Intermediary Shared System on a quarterly basis.
 - The inputs/outputs to the IOCE batch PC program will not change.
 - It also does not affect the content of the IOCE.

Background

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220), specifically Subsection 508(a)(1), requires that when the Federal Government procures Electronic and Information Technology (EIT), the EIT must allow federal employees and individuals of the public with disabilities comparable access to and use of information and data that is provided to federal employees and individuals of the public without disabilities.

Operational Impact

N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6709.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6709) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R628OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

CMS also has a web-based training module on the OCE. The module is available at http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc_frame.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&loc=1 on the Internet.