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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2676

**SUBJECT: January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 18.1R1 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that the OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition (HCPCS/CPT-4) codes. CMS sent detailed information about these changes in separate communications. See PM AB-02-132, dated September 25, 2002. This OCE is used to process bills from hospitals not paid under the OPPS. Below are additional CMS changes that were not reflected in the separate communications sent.

### **I. Changes retroactive to January 1, 2001**

#### **• Non-Reportable List Changes**

- The following codes were **added** to the list of Non-reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2001:

G0179

G0180

G0181

G0182

### **II. Changes retroactive to January 1, 2002**

#### **• Non-Covered List Changes**

- The following code was **added** to the list of Non-covered procedures, effective January 1, 2002:

L3677

- The following codes were **removed** from the list of Non-covered procedures, effective January 1, 2002:

97802

97803

97804

### **III. Changes retroactive to January 1, 2003**

#### **• HCPCS Code Changes**

The following codes were **deleted** from the list of valid HCPCS, effective January 1, 2003:

G0281

G0282

G0283

G0296

- **Non-Reportable List Changes:**

The following codes were **added** to the list of Non-reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2003:

36416  
 99026  
 G0256  
 G0257  
 G0259  
 G0260  
 G0261  
 G0263  
 G0264  
 G0290  
 G0291  
 G0292  
 G0293  
 G0294  
 J1825  
 Q3021  
 Q3022  
 Q3023  
 Q3026

The following codes were **removed** from the list of Non-reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2003:

76070  
 90740  
 90743  
 90744  
 90746  
 90747  
 P9011

#### IV. **Changes effective April 1, 2003**

- **HCPCS Code Changes**

- The following codes will be **added** to the list of valid HCPCS, effective April 1, 2003:

C1207  
 C9202  
 C9203  
 C9204  
 G0281  
 G0282  
 G0283  
 K0552  
 K0560  
 K0600  
 K0601

K0602  
K0603  
K0604  
K0605

- The following codes will be **deleted** from the list of valid HCPCS, effective April 1, 2003:

G0258  
K0571

- **Non-Covered List Changes**

The following codes will be **added** to the list of Non-covered procedures, effective April 1, 2003:

90871  
97014  
G0282

- **Questionable Covered List Changes**

The following code will be **removed** from the list of Questionable covered procedures, effective April 1, 2003:

90846

- **Non-Reportable List Changes**

The following codes will be **added** to the list of Non-reportable procedures, effective April 1, 2003:

A4232  
A4632  
0019T  
C1207  
C9202  
C9203  
C9204  
K0552

### **Provider Education**

Notify hospitals not subject to OPPS of this information through your next scheduled bulletin and post on your Web site within 2 weeks of receiving this instruction. If you have a listserv that targets the affected provider community, you shall use it to notify subscribers that information about Non-OPPS OCE HCPCS Updates is available on your Web site.

**The *effective dates* for this PM are January 1, 2001, January 1, 2002, January 1, 2003 and April 1, 2003.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is April 15, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after April 14, 2004.**

**If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.**