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April 2006 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 21.2

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs), including regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for services not subject to the OPPS

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4359, which announces that the April 2006 Non-OPPS OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to HCPCS codes and procedure codes.

Background

Change Request (CR) 4359 informs your FIs and RHHIs that the Non-OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) used to process claims from hospitals not paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology (HCPCS/CPT) codes.

To view the specific code updates, please see CR4359 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R886CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Note that the code and description changes are the same code and description changes specified for the Medicare Code Editor (MCE).

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Implementation

The implementation date for CR4359 is April 3, 2006.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R886CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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