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## April 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 7.1

**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) and regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for services paid under the OPPS

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4360 which informs your fiscal intermediary (FI) that the April 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (OPPS OCE) specifications have been updated with new additions, deletions, and changes.

### Background

Change Request (CR) 4360 reflects specifications that were issued for the January revision of the OPPS OCE (Version 7.0). The following is the summary of data changes effective April 1, 2006 (Version 7.1), and all shaded material in Attachment A of CR 4360 reflects changes that were incorporated into the April version of the revised OPPS OCE (Version 7.1).

CR4360 provides the revised OPPS OCE instructions and specifications that will be utilized under the OPPS for hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers (CMHCs), and for limited services when provided in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF), home health agency (HHS) not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System, or to a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness.

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The modifications of the OPPTS OCE for the April 2006 release (V7.1) are detailed in the tables within CR4360 and that CR is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R888CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

You should also read through the specifications attached to CR4360 and note the highlighted sections, which indicate changes from the prior release of the OPPTS OCE software.

Note also that some of these modifications have an effective date earlier than April 1, 2006, and such dates are reflected at the beginning of each table in CR4360.

Other changes in this version of the OPPTS OCE include:

- Implementation of version 12.0 of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) file;
- Addition of 90471 and 90472 to the list of codes designated as vaccines; and
- Removal of 90740, 90743, 90744, 90746, 90747, and G0010 from the list of codes designated as vaccines.

## Implementation

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The implementation date for CR4360 is April 3, 2006.

## Additional Information

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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/R888CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or RHHI 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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