



Flu Season is upon us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to talk with your patients about the flu virus and their risks for complications associated with the flu, and encourage them to get their flu shot. And don't forget, health care professionals need to protect themselves also. **Get Your Flu Shot. – Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends.** Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf> on the CMS website.

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October 2006 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 22.0

Provider Types Affected

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

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5256, which announces that the October 2006 Non-OPPS OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and procedure codes.

Background

Change Request (CR) 5256 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 and descriptions.

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To view the specific code updates, which are numerous, please see CR5256 at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1061CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1061CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS website at: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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