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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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July Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 5.2

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

Hospitals and other providers paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

Provider Action Needed

Affected hospitals and providers should note that this CR reflects the specifications that were issued for the April release of the OPPS OCE (Version 5.1), as well as changes for the July version (Version 5.2).

Background

Full details regarding the OPPS OCE are contained in CR3314 and providers who bill under the OPPS are likely to be familiar already with the OCE specifications contained in that CR. A key part of CR3314 is Appendix J, which summarizes the modifications being made in Version 5.2 of the OCE. These modifications include the following:

- A new edit (# 65) for revenue codes not recognized by Medicare
- A new packaging flag related to "Artificial charges for surgical procedure"
- A new edit (# 66) for codes that will require manual pricing
- A new edit (# 67) for dates of services for service provided prior to FDA approval
- Implementation of Version 10.1 of the NCCI file.

Implementation

The implementation dates for this instruction is July 6, 2004.

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Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to fiscal intermediaries regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R184CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

From that Web page, look for CR3314 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

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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