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Expansion of Various Alpha and Numeric Fields Within the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)

Note: This article was updated on February 4, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing intermediaries

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Providers should note that this instruction is based on information contained in Change Request (CR) 3767, which informs fiscal intermediaries (FIs) that the field byte size for Edits, Status Indicator (SI), Payment Adjustment Flag, and Payment Indicator in the OPPS OCE are currently limited.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The OPPS OCE Edit, SI, Payment Adjustment Flag, and Payment Indicator fields will be expanded.



GO – What You Need to Do

Please see the *Background* and *Additional Information* sections of this instruction for further details regarding these changes.

Background

The OPPS and Non-OPPS OCEs were established to ensure correct payment and implementation of policy decisions related to outpatient institutional provider payments. Due to 1) limited space, 2) the increasing need for additional edits and

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SIs in the OPPS OCE, the following fields will be expanded / incorporated into the OPPS OCE to accommodate the following:

- The OPPS OCE Status Indicator (SI) (an alpha field) will be expanded to 2 bytes;
- The OPPS OCE Edit field (a numeric field) will be expanded to 3 bytes;
- The OPPS OCE Payment Indicator (a numeric field) will be expanded to 2 bytes; and
- The OPPS OCE Payment Adjustment Flag numeric field will be a 2 position field.

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/R602CP.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.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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