



PQRI Information Available

News Flash Style A new CMS web page dedicated to providing information on the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) is now available.

On December 20, 2006, the President signed the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA). Section 101 under Title I authorizes the establishment of a physician quality reporting system by CMS. CMS has titled the statutory program the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative. For more information, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html> on the CMS website.

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Related CR Transmittal #: R1199CP

Implementation Date: April 2, 2007

Note: This article was updated on August 27, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information is the same.

April 2007 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 22.2

Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FIs) and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for outpatient services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries, where those services are not paid under the OPPS.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5523 which informs fiscal intermediaries (FI's) that the April 2007 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) specifications have been

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updated to ensure correct billing and payment of claims. Be sure your billing staff is aware of the code changes in CR5523.

Background

The Non-OPPS OCE has been updated with numerous new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology (HCPCS/CPT) codes. Rather than duplicate all the additions, deletions and changes in this article, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) directs you to CR5523, which contains the lengthy lists of these items. CR5523 is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1199CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may want to be aware that the new version of the Non-OPPS OCE with updated HCPCS/CPT codes listed in CR5523 is effective April 1, 2007 but they need to look at the specific HCPCS/CPT code changes that are, in some instances, effective earlier than April 1, 2007.

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI or A/B MAC 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.

Flu Shot Reminder

It's Not Too Late to Get the Flu Shot. The peak of flu season typically occurs between late December and March; however, flu season can last until May. **Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends by getting and giving the flu shot.** Each office visit presents an opportunity for you to talk with your patients about the importance of getting an annual flu shot and a lifetime pneumococcal vaccination. Remember - influenza and pneumococcal vaccination and their administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are NOT Part D covered drugs. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS' website: <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf> on the CMS website.

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