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SUBJECT: Maintenance and Update of the Temporary Hook Created to Hold OPPS Claims that Include Certain Drug HCPCS Codes

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Transmittal 875, Change Request (CR) 4371 issued on February 24, 2006, instructed FISS to hook and hold claims with bill types 12x, 13x, or 76x, with dates of service on or after the first day of each quarter, that includes one or more drug HCPCS codes from the list that will be provided quarterly. The hook program should be maintained and updated each quarter based on the list of drug HCPCS found at the address provided in the Business Requirements below. This process should continue until further notice. OPPS Pricer schedule for CY 2009 has been updated.

New / Revised Material

Effective Date: January 1, 2009

Implementation Date: January 5, 2009

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: CMS pays for all outpatient drugs using the Average Sales Price (ASP) methodology. The schedule for submission of all ASP pricing is statutory per Section 621(a) of the MMA. Drug manufacturers are required to submit drug ASPs within 30 days of the close of their fiscal quarter. Given the complexity, volume of data, and the number of drugs affected, approximately 6 weeks are required to process, validate, and issue final ASPs for a given quarter. The ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after January 1, 2009, will not be available until mid-December 2008. The ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after April 1, 2009, will not be available until mid-March 2009. The ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after July 1, 2009, will not be available until mid-June 2009, and the ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after October 1, 2009, will not be available until mid-September 2009 respectively.

The OPSS Pricer is ready for implementation on the first day of each quarter. However, certain drug HCPCS that will be updated quarterly, will not have the new drug prices included for the reasons explained above. Claims for dates of service falling under the new OPSS Pricer that include one or more drug HCPCS codes from the file, found at the address specified in the Business Requirements below, are to be held by the Fiscal Intermediary (FI) or A/B MAC until a revised OPSS Pricer is installed in their production region. Refer to the OPSS Pricer Schedule below for the OPSS Pricer installation deadlines.

OPSS Pricer Schedule

Update	Drug HCPCS codes available to FISS, FIs and A/B MACs	OPSS Pricer Updated/Sent to FISS	FISS Release Revised OPSS Pricer to Data Centers	Latest Test Installation Date	Latest Production Installation Date	FIs and A/B MACs Begin to Release Claims
January 1, 2009	11/24/2008	12/19/2008	12/24/2008	12/29/2008	1/8/2009	1/9/2009
April 1, 2009	2/16/2009	3/20/2009	3/26/2009	3/30/2009	4/9/2009	4/10/2009
July 1, 2009	5/11/2009	6/19/2009	6/25/2009	6/29/2009	7/9/2009	7/10/2009
October 1, 2009	8/10/2009	9/18/2009	9/24/2009	9/28/2009	10/8/2009	10/9/2009

B. Policy: Transmittal 875, Change Request (CR) 4371 issued on February 24, 2006, instructed FISS to “hook” and hold claims with bill types 12x, 13x, or 76x, with dates of service on or after the first day of each quarter, that include one or more drug HCPCS codes from the list that will be provided quarterly. The “hook”

program should be maintained and updated each quarter based on the list of drug HCPCS found at the address provided in the Business Requirements below. This process should continue until further notice.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I M A C	C A R R I E R	R H H I S S	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F			
6197.1	FISS shall install the revised OPPTS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPPTS Pricer Schedule in Section I.A					X					
6197.1.1	FISS shall test the revised OPPTS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPPTS Pricer Schedule in Section I.A					X					
6197.1.2	FISS shall release the revised OPPTS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPPTS PRICER Schedule in Section I.A					X					
6197.2	FISS shall continue maintaining the hook logic created in Transmittal 756, CR 4142 issued on November 10, 2005, which holds claims with bill types 12x, 13x, 76x, or 13x with condition code 41, with dates of services on or after the first day of each quarter that include one or more drug HCPCS code from the list that will be provided quarterly.					X					
6197.2.1	FISS shall continue this process until further notice.					X					
6197.2.2	FISS shall release this logic as a part of the quarterly releases so that this logic is available to FIs and A/B MACs prior to the 1 st business day of each quarter.					X					
6197.3	FISS shall use the following file name to download from the CMS data center the list of drug HCPCS codes that are to be incorporated into their hook logic: MU00.@AAA2360.ASP.HCPC.MMY with the MMY indicating the month and year of the update.					X					
6197.4	The FI and A/B MAC shall use the same file name listed in the business requirement 6197.3 to download the list of drug HCPCS codes from CMS that should appear on the claims that are to be "hooked".	X		X							
6197.5	FISS, FIs, and A/B MACs shall refer to the OPPTS Pricer Schedule in Section I.A. for the file availability dates.	X		X		X					
6197.6	The FI and A/B MACs shall "hook" claims which contain one or more drug HCPCS codes from the list	X		X							

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	provided quarterly by CMS with the dates of service from the first day in each quarter until the installation of the OPSS Pricer containing the updated ASP drug pricing information.										
6197.6.1	The FI and A/B MAC shall refer to Section I.A for the Pricer Installation deadlines.	X		X							
6197.7	Quarterly, the FI and A/B MAC shall process "hooked" claims to payment after the revised OPSS Pricer software containing the updated ASP drug pricing has become effective in production.	X		X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	None.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
CR 4142	Temporary Hook and Hold of OPSS Claims that Include Certain HCPCS with Status Indicator of G or K
CR 4371	Maintenance and Update of the Temporary Hook Created to Hold OPSS Claims That Include Certain Drug HCPCS Codes

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: None

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VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)*, *Carriers*, and *Regional Home Health Carriers (RHHIs)* use only one of the following statements:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)*, use the following statement:

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.