

CMS Manual System

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SUBJECT: Scheduled Release for January 2006 Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The managed module for software programs and pricing/coding files is updated quarterly. It is informational only and has no systems impact.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : December 19, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : December 19, 2005

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:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: December 19, 2005 Implementation Date: December 19, 2005 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Joe Bryson at joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-2986 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Office	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
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Title of software/ Pricing Files	Scheduled Release Date	Description of Update	Release Cycle
IPPS PRICER	November 7	Updates the October 2005 version of the IPPS Pricer with CICS formatting (off-cycle release).	Semi-annual – (October and April)
IRF PRICER	no January update	Not applicable.	Annual - (October)
LTCH PRICER	no January update	Not applicable.	Semi-annual – (July and October)
OPPS PRICER	November 30	Updates APC rates and wage indices. However, because CMS does not receive ASP data until December 22 nd , a second release will be sent on or around December 28 th to update ASP data. This second release date is dependent on availability of ASP data and is therefore subject to change. CMS will be issuing contractor instructions (through a separate CR or JSM) for how to process any clean claims affected by a late release.	Quarterly
HHA PRICER	November 8	Updates rates and wage indices.	Annual - (January)
ASC PRICER	November 17	Updates HCPCS codes.	Quarterly – (released quarterly as needed)
SNF PRICER	no January update	Not applicable.	Annual - (October)
Hospice PRICER	November 7	Updates the October 2005 version of the Hospice Pricer with CICS formatting (off-cycle release).	Annual – (October)
IPF PRICER	no January update	Not applicable.	Annual – (July)
ESRD PRICER	November 3	Updates wage indices and wage adjustment to reflect blend calculations that will be outlined in the November 1 st Final Rule.	Annual – (January)

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OPPS OCE	November 30	Updates CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.	Quarterly
Non-OPPS OCE	November 30	Updates codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.	Quarterly
Inpatient GROUPEP	no January update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
MCE	no January update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
ASP Pricing File	December 19	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.	Quarterly
Zip Code File	December 10	Update of zip codes for ambulance reporting.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	November 8	Update to the table (dependent on Final Rule).	Quarterly
MPFSDB	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF/CAH)	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Supplemental File (Therapy/ CORF)	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Updates fee schedule services and their related prices.	Quarterly
Hospice File for RHHIs	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly

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Mammography Benefit Pricing File	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFS National Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Interpretations	Carriers- Oct. 24 FIs – Nov. 10	Update to codes. Allows carriers to accept and process claims for purchased diagnostic tests/interpretations billed by suppliers regardless of location.	Quarterly
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	see description of update	<p>Update to existing codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 1: Carrier file • November 8: FI file <p>Update with new codes except power wheelchairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 8: Carrier file • December 15: FI file <p>Update with new codes including power wheelchairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 3: Carrier file • December 3: FI file 	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	Carriers – Nov. 3 FIs – Nov. 18	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	November 30	Updates file with the new ambulance inflation factor.	Annual – (January)
HCPCS	October 24	Update of HCPCS codes.	Annual – (January)
Anesthesia Conversion Factor File	November 10	Updates conversion factors.	Annual – (January)

Note: All dates on the above table are for 2005.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify data centers via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. Contractors will be notified of the availability of pricing/coding files per future OTNs or RUNs.

Acronyms:

- APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
- ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
- ASP – Average Sale Price
- BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
- CAH – Critical Access Hospital
- CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
- CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
- CY – Calendar Year
- DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
- DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
- ESRD – End Stage Renal Disease
- HHA – Home Health Agency
- HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
- ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
- IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- IPF – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
- MCE – Medicare Code Editor
- MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
- NWI – New Wage Indexes
- OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
- OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
- OTN – One-Time Notice
- RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
- RUN – Recurring Update Notification
- SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities