

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 3077</b>	<b>Date: September 26, 2014</b>
	<b>Change Request 8914</b>

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

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this CR is to let contractors know that they should continue to maintain and update the “hook” program each quarter based on the list of drug HCPCS found at the address provided in the Business Requirements. This process should continue until further notice. 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. This Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 4, Section 50.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015**

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

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2015**

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

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

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**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 obliged 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**

# 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, 2015, will not be available until mid-December 2014. The ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after April 1, 2015, will not be available until mid-March 2015. The ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after July 1, 2015, will not be available until mid-June 2015 and the ASP rates for drugs furnished on or after October 1, 2015, will not be available until mid-September 2015 respectively.

**B. Policy:** The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPSS) Pricer is ready for implementation on the first day of each quarter. However, certain drug Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes 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, are to be held by the A/B MAC until a revised OPSS Pricer is installed in their production region. Refer to the OPSS Pricer schedule in the attachment A for the OPSS Pricer installation deadlines.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared-System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H		F	M	V	C		
		H	M	I	C	M	W				
		H	A	S	S	S	F				
			C	S							
8914.1	FISS shall install the revised OPSS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPSS Pricer schedule.					X					
8914.1.1	FISS shall test the revised OPSS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPSS Pricer schedule.					X					
8914.1.2	FISS shall release the revised OPSS Pricer each quarter on the dates specified in the OPSS Pricer schedule.					X					

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
8914.2	FISS shall continue maintaining the hook logic outlined in Transmittal 875, CR 4371 issued on February, 24, 2006, 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 codes from the list that will be provided quarterly.					X				
8914.2.1	FISS shall continue this process until further notice.					X				
8914.2.2	FISS shall release this logic as a part of the quarterly releases so that this logic is available to A/B MACs prior to the 1st business day of each quarter.					X				
8914.3	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 Y with the MMY Y indicating the month and year of the update					X				
8914.4	FISS and A/B MACs shall refer to the OPSS Pricer schedule for the file availability dates.	X				X				
8914.5	A/B MACs shall “hook” claims which contain one or more drug HCPCS codes from the list 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.	X								
8914.5.1	A/B MAC shall refer to the OPSS Pricer schedule for the Pricer installation deadlines.	X								
8914.6	Quarterly, the 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								

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility
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		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H	M A C	
	None					

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

**V. CONTACTS**

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**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR)

**VI. FUNDING**

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**ATTACHMENTS: 1**

## 2015 OPSS Pricer Schedule

<b>Update</b>	<b>Drug HCPCS codes available to FISS, FIs and A/B MACs</b>	<b>OPSS Pricer Updated/Sent to FISS</b>	<b>FISS Release Revised OPSS Pricer to Data Centers</b>	<b>Latest Test Installation Date</b>	<b>Latest Production Installation Date</b>	<b>FIs and A/B MACs Begin to Release Claims</b>
January 1, 2015	11/17/2014	12/15/2014	12/18/2014	12/22/2014	01/02/2015	01/05/2015
April 1, 2015	02/16/2015	03/16/2015	03/19/2015	03/23/2015	04/06/2015	04/07/2015
July 1, 2015	05/04/2015	06/15/2015	06/18/2015	06/22/2015	07/06/2015	07/07/2015
October 1, 2015	08/03/2015	09/14/2015	09/17/2015	09/21/2015	10/05/2015	10/06/2015