

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
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	<b>Change Request 5257</b>

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

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This CR includes the October 2006 schedule for software programs and pricing/coding files. It is informational only and has no systems impact.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 16, 2006**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 16, 2006**

*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 2007 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

<b>Effective Date*:</b> October 16, 2006 <b>Implementation Date:</b> October 16, 2006 <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Joe Bryson at <a href="mailto:joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov">joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov</a> or 410-786-2986 <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Regional Office	<b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2007 operating budgets.</b>
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Description of Update</b>	<b>Release Cycle</b>
Ambulance Fee Schedule	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Anesthesia Conversion Factor File	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
ASC Pricer	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
ASP Pricing File	September 22	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.	Quarterly
CAP Part B Drugs	August 15	Update to CAP fee schedule for vendor claims only for Designated Carrier use.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Edit Table	August 15	Update to the table (dependent on final rule).	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	8/30: DMERCs 8/30: FIs	Update to the fee schedule.	Quarterly
ESRD Pricer	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Grouper	August 1	Updates DRG and ICD-9 codes.	Annual – (October)
HCPCS	No October update.	Updates HCPCS codes.	Annual – (January)
HHA Pricer	No October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Hospice File for RHHIs	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Hospice Pricer	August 15	Updates annual rate increases and new wage indices due to legislative mandate.	Annual – (October)
IPPS Pricer	August 15	Update to DRGs, wage indices and rates.	Biannual – (October and April)
IRF Pricer	August 15	Update to CMGs and wage indices.	Annual – (October)
IPF Pricer	August 15	Update to comorbidity categories (off-cycle release).	Annual – (July)
LTCH Pricer	August 15	Update to DRGs and wage indices.	Biannual – (July and October)
Mammography Pricing File	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MCE	August 1	Updates edits.	Annual – (October)
MPFSDB	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/CORF/CAH)	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly

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MPFS National Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Interpretations	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Non-OPPS OCE	August 10	Updates codes, ASC payment groups, edits and logic.	Quarterly
OPPS OCE	August 10	Updates CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.	Quarterly
OPPS Pricer	September 22	Updates the APC table with Average Sales Price (ASP) drug data received at the end of September.	Quarterly
SNF Extract	August 17	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
SNF Pricer	August 15	Updates annual rate increases and new wage indices due to legislative mandate.	Annual – (October)
Supplemental File (Therapy/CORF)	August 17	Updates fee schedule services and their related prices.	Quarterly
Zip Code File	August 15	Update to CMS zip code file.	Quarterly

**Note:** All dates on the above table are for 2006.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS' Mainframe Telecommunications System. Standard 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' Mainframe Telecommunication System. Contractors will be notified of the availability of pricing/coding files per future Change Requests.

**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, 9<sup>th</sup> Revision, Clinical Modification
- IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- IPF – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- LTC – Long Term Care
- MCE – Medicare Code Editor
- MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
- NWI – New Wage Indexes
- OCE – Outpatient Code Editor

OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System  
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries  
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities