

<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 13461</b>	<b>Date: November 14, 2025</b>
	<b>Change Request 14222</b>

**SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the January 2026 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Payment Rates File**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2026**

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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 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**

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## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** This CR provides the Medicare contractors with instructions for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual OTP update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January OTP payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

**B. Policy:** Section 2005 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act requires that the payment rates for OTPs be updated on an annual basis. All of the codes in the OTP file can be billed by specialty D5 (Opioid Treatment Program). The OTP file will reflect all current allowable codes and reflect any newly added codes for 2026 dates of service. Codes deleted from the OTP list for 2026 dates of service have been removed from the 2026 OTP file.

## III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E  MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
14222.1	Medicare contractors shall download the 2026 OTP payment file and/or data from the cloud service around November 1, 2025, or after.  <b>Note:</b> The 2026 OTP payment mainframe file will be provided as a back-up to the data in the cloud service.	X	X							Hybrid Cloud Data Center (HDC), PCS

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	the Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups.									
14222.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any replacement files and/or updated data from the cloud service no later than the January 5, 2026, implementation date of this CR, unless otherwise directed by CMS.  (NOTE: Replacement files shall not be issued under this CR too far into January, when claims are no longer routinely being held for the January Release. Any revisions after then will need a separate instruction.)	X	X							CMS
14222.3	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of the file described in requirement 14222.1 and requirement 14222.2 when a replacement file is issued, via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price (ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).	X	X							PCS
14222.4	For claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2026, A/B MACs shall implement all applicable instructions, including those pertaining to the D5 specialty code, beneficiary coinsurance, and Place of Service (POS) code 58 to any new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes included on the OTP payment file, as outlined in CR 11353.		X							
14222.5	Contractors shall add new OTP HCPCS codes to any applicable PARMs.	X								

#### IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

**Impacted Contractors:** None

## **V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

<b>X-Ref Requirement Number</b>	<b>Recommendations or other supporting information:</b>
	N/A

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

## **VI. CONTACTS**

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

## **VII. FUNDING**

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