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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for hospitals, providers, and suppliers sending claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice MACs (HH&H MACs), for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

This Article tells you there are changes, effective October 1, 2021, for claims processing for:

- Hospital outpatient departments
- Community mental health centers
- All non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) hospital providers
- Limited services when provided in an HH agency (HHA) that isn’t under the HH PPS
- A hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness

Make sure your billing staff knows the content of these updates.

Background

CMS is updating the I/OCE for October 1, 2021. The I/OCE routes all institutional outpatient claims (which includes non-OPPS hospital claims) through a single integrated OCE. We’ll post the I/OCE specifications on the CMS website when complete.

You may review the summary of quarterly release modifications that are part of CR 12432 for the changes in the October 1, 2021, I/OCE release.
More Information

We issued [CR 12432](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

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