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	Change Request 12432

SUBJECT: October 2021 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 22.3

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This notification provides the Integrated OCE instructions and specifications for the Integrated OCE that will be utilized under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and non-OPPS for hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers, all non-OPPS providers, and for limited services when provided in a home health agency not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System or to a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness. The attached recurring update notification applies to publication 100-04, chapter 4, section 40.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 4, 2021

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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.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
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

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This instruction informs the A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) Part A, the A/B MACs Part Home Health and Hospice (HHH) and the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) that the I/OCE is being updated for October 1, 2021. The I/OCE routes all institutional outpatient claims (which includes Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System [non-OPPS] hospital claims) through a single integrated OCE. The attached recurring update notification applies to publication 100-04, chapter 4, section 40.1.

B. Policy: This notification provides the Integrated OCE instructions and specifications for the Integrated OCE that will be utilized under the OPPS and non-OPPS for hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers, all non-OPPS providers, and for limited services when provided in a home health agency not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System or to a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness. The I/OCE specifications will be posted to the CMS website and can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/OutpatientCodeEdit/>.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
		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			
12432.1	The Shared System Maintainer shall install the Integrated OCE (I/OCE) into their systems.					X						
12432.2	Medicare contractors shall identify the I/OCE specifications on the CMS website at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/OCEQtrReleaseSpecs .	X		X		X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E D I	C M E D I
		A	B	H H H		
12432.3	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the "MLN Matters" listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.	X		X		

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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