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July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 6.2

Provider Types Affected

All providers billing outpatient services to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) that are paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Provider Action Needed

This instruction is based on information contained in Change Request (CR) 3871 which 1) informs FIs that the July 2005 OPPS OCE specifications have been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions, and 2) insures that FIs install the updated July 2005 OPPS OCE (Version 6.2) into their systems.

Background

Full details of Version 6.2 of the OPPS OCE are contained in CR3871 and will not be repeated in this article, especially since many of the details are not changing, and providers paid under the OPPS are likely familiar with these details. The modifications of the Outpatient Code Editor/Ambulatory Patient Classification (OCE/APC) for the July 2005 release (V6.2) are summarized in the following table:

	Mod. Type	Effective Date	Edit	Description
1.	Logic	7/1/05	73	New edit 73 "Incorrect billing of blood and blood products" – RTP If blood products are billed with Revenue Code (RC) 39X and modifier BL without a corresponding line billed with RC 38X (same HCPCS, modifier and units), the claim will be returned to the provider unprocessed.
2.				New Payment Adjustment Flags (PAFs) PAF #5 – Blood/blood product used in blood deductible calculation (Apply to blood product billed with RC 38X and modifier –BL PAF #6 – Blood processing/storage not subject to blood deductible (Apply to blood product billed with RC 39X and modifier –BL.
3.				Make HCPCS/APC/SI and modifier changes, as specified by CMS.

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	Mod. Type	Effective Date	Edit	Description
4.	Content		19, 20, 39, 40	Implement version 11.1 of the NCCI file, removing all code pairs which include Anesthesia (00100-01999), E&M (92002-92014, 99201-99499), MH (90804-90911) or Drug Admin (96400-96450; 96542-96549; 90780,90781)
5.	Content	8/1/00	19, 20, 39, 40	Reinstate CAD codes in NCCI files
6.	Content	7/1/05	22	Add new modifier - BL

Note: With regard to the new edit 73 (item 1 in the above table), please note that in some circumstances, in order for Medicare to correctly allocate payment for blood processing and storage, providers are required to submit two lines with different revenue codes for the same service when blood products are billed. One line is required with revenue code 39X and an identical line (same HCPCS, modifier, and units) with revenue code 38X. For more details on billing blood products, see the MLN Matters article MM3681 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3681.pdf> on the CMS website.

You should also read through the specifications in the official instruction (CR 3871) issued to your intermediary, and note the highlighted sections, which also indicate changes from the prior release of the software. Some OCE/ APC modifications in the release may also be retroactively added to prior releases. If so, the retroactive date appears in the “Effective Date” column in the above table.

Attachment B of CR3871 provides a summary of July 2005 data changes that are effective July 1, 2005. It summarizes all of the modifications made to the Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APC’s), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, APC assignments, status indicators, modifiers, revenue codes and edits to update the OPPS OCE for the July 1, 2005 quarterly release. Key changes are as follows:

APC Changes

Added APC

The following APC of 09129 (Inj clofarabine) with a status indicator of K was added to the OCE/APC, effective 07-01-05.

APC Description Changes

The following APCs had description changes, effective 07-01-05:

APC	Old Description	New Description
00769	Ondasetron hcl oral	Ondansetron hcl oral
00869	IVIG lyophil 1G	IVIG lyophil 1g
00870	IVIG lyophil 10 MG	IVIG lyophil 10 mg
00871	IVIG non-lyophil 1G	IVIG non-lyophil 1g
00872	IVIG non-lyophil 10 MG	IVIG non-lyophil 10 mg
09436	Azathioprine parenteral,brnd	Azathioprine parenteral,brand

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APC Status Indicator Changes

The following APC(s) had Status Indicator changes, effective 07-01-05:

APC	Old SI	New SI
09126	G	K
09127	K	G
09128	K	G

HCPCS/CPT Procedure Code Changes**Added HCPCS/CPT Procedure Codes**

The following new HCPCS/CPT code(s) were added to the OCE/APC, effective 01-01-05:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	SI	APC	Edit	ActivDate	TermDate
G0375	Smke/Tobacco counseling 3-10	S	01501	68	20050322	
G0376	Smoke/Tobacco counseling >10	S	01501	68	20050322	

The following new HCPCS/CPT code(s) were added to the OCE/APC, effective 04-01-05:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	SI	APC	Edit	ActivDate	TermDate
K0730	Ctrl dose inh drug deliv sys	Y	00000	61		
K0731	Lith ion batt cid, on body	A	00000			
K0732	Lith ion batt cid behind ear	A	00000			

The following new HCPCS/CPT code(s) were added to the OCE/APC, effective 07-01-05:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	SI	APC	Edit	ActivDate	TermDate
C9129	Inj clofarabine	K	09129			
Q9958	HOCM <= 149 mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9959	HOCM 150-199mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9960	HOCM 200-249mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9961	HOCM 250-299mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9962	HOCM 300-349mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9963	HOCM 350-399mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
Q9964	HOCM >= 400 mg/ml iodine, 1ml	B	00000	62		
S0118	Ziconotide intrathecal 1mcg	E	00000	28		
S0133	Histerlin implant	E	00000	28		
S0145	Peg interferon alfa-2B/10	E	00000	28		
S0146	Peg interferon alfa-2B/10	E	00000	28		
S0198	Inj pegaptanib 0.3 mg	E	00000	28		
S0265	Genetic counsel 15 mins	E	00000	28		
S0613	Ann breast exam	E	00000	28		
S2900	Robotic surgical system	E	00000	28		
S8270	Enuresis alarm	E	00000	28		

Deleted HCPCS/CPT Procedure Codes

The following HCPCS/CPT code(s) were deleted from the OCE/APC, effective 07-01-05:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	StatusIndicator	APC
C9126	Injection, natalizumab	E	0

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HCPCS Description Changes

The following code descriptions were changed, effective 07-01-05:

HCPCS	Old Description	New Description
C9724	EPS gast cardia plic	EPS gast cardia plic
G9017	Amantadine HCL, oral	Amantadine HCL 100mg oral
G9018	Zanamivir, inh pwdr	Zanamivir, inhalation pwd 10m
G9019	Oseltamivir phosp	Oseltamivir phosphate 75mg
G9020	Rimantadine HCL	Rimantadine HCL 100mg oral
G9034	Zanamivir, inh pwdr, brand	Zanamivir powder via inhaler
G9035	Oseltamivir phosp, brand	Oseltamivir phosphate 75mg o
G9036	Rimantadine HCL, brand	Rimantadine HCL 100mg
G9043	Low vision rehab therapist	Low vision rehab therapist
Q4079	Injection, natalizumab	Injection, Natalizumab, 1 MG
Q9941	IVIG lyophil 1G	IVIG lyophil 1g
Q9942	IVIG lyophil 10 MG	IVIG lyophil 10 mg
Q9943	IVIG non-lyophil 1G	IVIG non-lyophil 1g
Q9944	IVIG non-lyophil 10 MG	IVIG non-lyophil 10 mg
Q9955	Inj perflaxane lip micros, ml	Inj perflaxane lip micros,ml
Q9957	Inj perflutren lip micros, ml	Inj perflutren lip micros,ml

HCPCS Changes- APC, Status Indicator and/or Edit Assignments

The following code(s) had an APC and/or SI and/or edit change, effective 01-01-04 **, and a blank in the field indicates no change:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	Old APC	New APC	Old SI	New SI	Old Edit	New Edit
J8521	Capecitabine, oral, 500 mg			E	B	28	62

The following code(s) had an APC and/or SI and/or edit change, effective 04-01-04 **, and a blank in the field indicates no change:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	Old APC	New APC	Old SI	New SI	Old Edit	New Edit
L0960	Post surgical support pads			E	A	28	N/A

The following code(s) had an APC and/or SI and/or edit change, effective 01-01-05 **, and a blank in the field indicates no change:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	Old APC	New APC	Old SI	New SI	Old Edit	New Edit
0064T	Spectroscop eval expired gas	00000	00367	A	X		
0065T	Ocular photoscreen bilat			A	E	N/A	50
E0950	Tray			E	A	13	N/A
E0951	Loop heel			E	A	13	N/A
E0952	Toe loop/holder, each			E	A	13	N/A
K0630	SIO flex pelvisacral prefab			Y	A	61	N/A

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HCPCS	CodeDesc	Old APC	New APC	Old SI	New SI	Old Edit	New Edit
K0631	SIO flex pelvisacral custom			Y	A	61	N/A
K0632	SIO panel prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0633	SIO panel custom			Y	A	61	N/A
K0634	LO flexibl L1-below L5 pre			Y	A	61	N/A
K0635	LO sag stays/panels pre-fab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0636	LO sagitt rigid panel prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0637	LO flex w/o rigid stays pre			Y	A	61	N/A
K0638	LSO flex w/rigid stays cust			Y	A	61	N/A
K0639	LSO post rigid panel pre			Y	A	61	N/A
K0640	LSO sag-coro rigid frame pre			Y	A	61	N/A
K0641	LSO sag-cor rigid frame cust			Y	A	61	N/A
K0642	LSO flexion control prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0643	LSO flexion control custom			Y	A	61	N/A
K0644	LSO sagit rigid panel prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0645	LSO sagittal rigid panel cus			Y	A	61	N/A
K0646	LSO sag-coronal panel prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0647	LSO sag-coronal panel custom			Y	A	61	N/A
K0648	LSO s/c shell/panel prefab			Y	A	61	N/A
K0649	LSO s/c shell/panel custom			Y	A	61	N/A

The following code(s) had an APC and/or SI and/or edit change, effective 07-01-05 **A blank in the field indicates no change:

HCPCS	CodeDesc	Old APC	New APC	Old SI	New SI	Old Edit	New Edit
0017T	Photocoagulat macular drusen	00000	00235	E	T	28	N/A
38204	Bl donor search management			E	N	28	N/A
48554	Transpl allograft pancreas			E	C	14	N/A
59050	Fetal monitor w/report			E	M	14	72
59510	Cesarean delivery			E	B	14	62
93010	Electrocardiogram report			A	B	N/A	62
96549	Chemotherapy, unspecified	00000	00116	N	S		
C9127	Paclitaxel protein pr			K	G		
C9128	Inj pegaptamib sodium			K	G		
E0203	Therapeutic lightbox tabletp			E	A	9	N/A
G0179	MD recertification HHA PT			E	M	14	72
G0180	MD certification HHA patient			E	M	14	72
G0181	Home health care supervision			E	M	14	72
G0182	Hospice care supervision			E	M	14	72
G0250	MD review interpret of test			E	M	28	72
L8620	Repl lithium ion battery			A	E	N/A	28
Q4079	Injection, Natalizumab, 1 MG			G	K		

Units of Service Changes

The following code(s) were assigned to the following "units of service", effective 07-01-05:

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HCPCS	Old Max Units	New Max Units
36430	0	1

Edit Assignments

The following code(s) were added to edit 67, 68, or 69 effective 10-01-03:

HCPCS	Edit#	ActivDate	TermDate
G0297	69	20031001	20050128

The following code(s) were added to edit 67, 68, or 69 effective 01-01-05:

HCPCS	Edit#	ActivDate	TermDate
G0337	69	20050101	20050128

The following code(s) were deleted as blood products, effective 07-01-05:

HCPCS
86890
P9041
P9045
P9046
P9047

The following code(s) were added to edit 55 "Non Reportable for Site of Service", effective 07-01-05:

HCPCS	Edit#
C9129	55

Modifiers

The modifier of BL was added to the list of valid modifiers, effective 07-01-05.

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is July 5, 2005.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R572CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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