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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2768

**SUBJECT: July Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 18.2 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that the OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition (HCPCS/CPT-4) codes. The CMS sent detailed information about these changes in separate communications (see PM AB-02-132, dated September 27, 2002). This OCE is used to process bills from hospitals not paid under the OPPS. Listed below are additional CMS changes that were not reflected in the separate communications sent.

### **I. Changes retroactive to August 1, 2000**

- **Non-Covered List Changes**
  - The following code was **added** to the list of non-covered procedures, effective August 1, 2000:
    - 80050
- **Non-Reportable List Changes**
  - The following codes were **added** to the list of non-reportable procedures, effective August 1, 2000:
    - 99361
    - 99362

### **II. Changes retroactive to January 1, 2003**

- **Non-Reportable List Changes**
  - The following code was **removed** from the list of non-reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2003:
    - 92597
- **Questionable Covered List Changes**
  - The following code was **removed** from the list of Questionable covered procedures, effective January 1, 2003:
    - 90846

### **III. Changes retroactive to April 1, 2003**

- **HCPCS Code Changes**
  - The following code was **added** to the list of valid HCPCS, effective April 1, 2003:
    - Q3031
  - The following code was **removed** from the list of valid HCPCS, effective April 1, 2003:
    - G0025

#### IV. Changes effective July 1, 2003

- **Non-Reportable List Changes:**
  - The following code will be **added** to the list of non-reportable procedures, effective July 1, 2003:
    - 92510
  - The following codes will be **removed** from the list of non-reportable procedures, effective July 1, 2003:
    - G0290
    - G0291
- **Non-Covered List Changes**
  - The following code will be **removed** from the list of non-covered procedures, effective July 1, 2003:
    - 72198
- **HCPCS Code Changes**
  - The following codes will be **added** to the list of valid HCPCS, effective July 1, 2003:
    - K0606
    - K0607
    - K0608
    - K0609
    - K0610
    - K0611
    - K0612
    - K0613
    - K0614
    - K0615
    - K0616
    - K0617
    - K0618
    - K0619
    - K0620
    - K0621
    - Q4052
    - Q4053
  - The following codes will be **deleted** from the list of valid HCPCS, effective July 1, 2003:
    - C1207
    - C9119
- **Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Code Changes**
  - The following codes will be **added** to the list of valid ASC procedures, effective July 1, 2003:
    - See Attachment A for the list of ASC procedure codes and groups to be added.

- The following codes will be **deleted** from the list of valid ASC procedures, effective July 1, 2003:
  - See Attachment B for the list of ASC procedure codes to be deleted.

### **Provider Education**

Notify hospitals not subject to OPPS of this information through your next scheduled bulletin and post on your Web site within 2 weeks of receiving this instruction. If you have a listserv that targets the affected provider community, you must use it to notify subscribers that information about Non-OPPS OCE HCPCS Updates is available on your Web site.

**The *effective dates* for this PM are August 1, 2000, January 1, 2003, April 1, 2003 and July 1, 2003.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after June 30, 2004.**

**If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.**

**Attachments**

## Added ASC Procedure Codes

Attachment A

ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
10121	Remove foreign body	2
11010	Debride skin, fx	2
11011	Debride skin/muscle, fx	2
11012	Debride skin/muscle/bone, fx	2
15351	Skin homograft add-on	2
15401	Skin heterograft add-on	2
15775	Hair transplant punch grafts	3
15776	Hair transplant punch grafts	3
15820	Revision of lower eyelid	3
15821	Revision of lower eyelid	3
15822	Revision of upper eyelid	3
15823	Revision of upper eyelid	5
15824	Removal of forehead wrinkles	3
15825	Removal of neck wrinkles	3
15826	Removal of brow wrinkles	3
15828	Removal of face wrinkles	3
15829	Removal of skin wrinkles	5
15831	Excise excessive skin tissue	3
15832	Excise excessive skin tissue	3
15833	Excise excessive skin tissue	3
15834	Excise excessive skin tissue	3
15835	Excise excessive skin tissue	3
15876	Suction assisted lipectomy	3
15877	Suction assisted lipectomy	3
15878	Suction assisted lipectomy	3
15879	Suction assisted lipectomy	3
19316	Suspension of breast	4
19324	Enlarge breast	4
19325	Enlarge breast with implant	9
19355	Correct inverted nipple(s)	4
20692	Apply bone fixation device	3
20693	Adjust bone fixation device	3
21015	Resection of facial tumor	3
21029	Contour of face bone lesion	2
21046	Remove mandible cyst complex	2
21047	Excise lwr jaw cyst w/repair	2
21121	Reconstruction of chin	7
21122	Reconstruction of chin	7
21123	Reconstruction of chin	7
21127	Augmentation, lower jaw bone	9
21181	Contour cranial bone lesion	7
21295	Revision of jaw muscle/bone	1
21296	Revision of jaw muscle/bone	1
21336	Treat nasal septal fracture	4
21345	Treat nose/jaw fracture	7
23031	Drain shoulder bursa	3
24006	Release elbow joint	4
24305	Arm tendon lengthening	4
24341	Repair arm tendon/muscle	3
24345	Repr elbw med ligmnt w/tissu	2
25337	Reconstruct ulna/radioulnar	5

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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
25830	Fusion, radioulnar jnt/ulna	5
26185	Remove finger bone	4
26546	Repair nonunion hand	4
26608	Treat metacarpal fracture	4
27067	Remove/graft hip bone lesion	5
27257	Treat hip dislocation	3
27329	Remove tumor, thigh/knee	4
27347	Remove knee cyst	4
27357	Remove femur lesion/graft	5
27358	Remove femur lesion/fixation	5
27496	Decompression of thigh/knee	5
27497	Decompression of thigh/knee	3
27498	Decompression of thigh/knee	3
27499	Decompression of thigh/knee	3
27594	Amputation follow-up surgery	3
27600	Decompression of lower leg	3
27601	Decompression of lower leg	3
27602	Decompression of lower leg	3
27647	Extensive ankle/heel surgery	3
27889	Amputation of foot at ankle	3
27892	Decompression of leg	3
27893	Decompression of leg	3
27894	Decompression of leg	3
28011	Incision of toe tendons	3
28022	Exploration of foot joint	2
28024	Exploration of toe joint	2
28052	Biopsy of foot joint lining	2
28126	Partial removal of toe	3
28153	Partial removal of toe	3
28160	Partial removal of toe	3
28234	Incision of foot tendon	2
28270	Release of foot contracture	3
28289	Repair hallux rigidus	3
28531	Treat sesamoid bone fracture	3
29800	Jaw arthroscopy/surgery	3
29827	Arthroscop rotator cuff repr	5
29848	Wrist endoscopy/surgery	9
29860	Hip arthroscopy, dx	4
29861	Hip arthroscopy/surgery	4
29862	Hip arthroscopy/surgery	9
29863	Hip arthroscopy/surgery	4
29891	Ankle arthroscopy/surgery	3
29892	Ankle arthroscopy/surgery	3
29893	Scope, plantar fasciotomy	9
29899	Ankle arthroscopy/surgery	3
30460	Revision of nose	7
30462	Revision of nose	9
30465	Repair nasal stenosis	9
30545	Repair nasal defect	5
30930	Therapy, fracture of nose	4
31081	Removal of frontal sinus	4

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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
31085	Removal of frontal sinus	4
31087	Removal of frontal sinus	4
31400	Revision of larynx	2
31420	Removal of epiglottis	2
31623	Dx bronchoscope/brush	2
31624	Dx bronchoscope/lavage	2
31643	Diag bronchoscope/catheter	2
33222	Revise pocket, pacemaker	2
33223	Revise pocket, pacing-defib	2
35188	Repair blood vessel lesion	4
35207	Repair blood vessel lesion	4
35875	Removal of clot in graft	9
35876	Removal of clot in graft	9
36260	Insertion of infusion pump	3
36488	Insertion of catheter, vein	1
36490	Insertion of catheter, vein	1
36831	Open thrombect av fistula	9
36870	Percut thrombect av fistula	9
37607	Ligation of a-v fistula	3
37650	Revision of major vein	2
37790	Penile venous occlusion	3
38570	Laparoscopy, lymph node biop	9
38571	Laparoscopy, lymphadenectomy	9
38572	Laparoscopy, lymphadenectomy	9
40700	Repair cleft lip/nasal	7
40701	Repair cleft lip/nasal	7
40720	Repair cleft lip/nasal	7
40761	Repair cleft lip/nasal	3
42226	Lengthening of palate	5
42415	Excise parotid gland/lesion	7
42820	Remove tonsils and adenoids	3
42825	Removal of tonsils	4
42830	Removal of adenoids	4
42835	Removal of adenoids	4
42890	Partial removal of pharynx	7
42892	Revision of pharyngeal walls	7
42972	Control nose/throat bleeding	3
43201	Esoph scope w/submucous inj	1
43205	Esophagus endoscopy/ligation	1
43231	Esoph endoscopy w/us exam	2
43232	Esoph endoscopy w/us fn bx	2
43236	Uppr gi scope w/submuc inj	2
43240	Esoph endoscope w/drain cyst	2
43242	Uppr gi endoscopy w/us fn bx	2
43244	Upper GI endoscopy/ligation	2
43256	Uppr gi endoscopy w stent	3
43653	Laparoscopy, gastrostomy	9
44370	Small bowel endoscopy/stent	9
44376	Small bowel endoscopy	2
44377	Small bowel endoscopy/biopsy	2
44378	Small bowel endoscopy	2

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44379	S bowel endoscope w/stent	9
44383	Ileoscopy w/stent	9
45160	Excision of rectal lesion	2
45190	Destruction, rectal tumor	9
45335	Sigmoidoscope w/submuc inj	1
45340	Sig w/balloon dilation	1
45381	Colonoscope, submucous inj	2
45386	Colonoscope dilate stricture	2
46288	Repair anal fistula	4
46615	Anoscopy	2
46761	Repair of anal sphincter	3
46762	Implant artificial sphincter	7
46917	Laser surgery, anal lesions	1
47511	Insert bile duct drain	9
47556	Biliary endoscopy thru skin	9
49422	Remove perm cannula/catheter	1
49495	Rpr ing hernia baby, reduc	4
49496	Rpr ing hernia baby, blocked	4
49500	Rpr ing hernia, init, reduce	4
49501	Rpr ing hernia, init blocked	9
49507	Prp i/hern init block>5 yr	9
49521	Rerepair ing hernia, blocked	9
49553	Rpr fem hernia, init blocked	9
49557	Rerepair fem hernia, blocked	9
49561	Rpr ventral hern init, block	9
49566	Rerepair ventrl hern, block	9
49568	Hernia repair w/mesh	7
49572	Rpr epigastric hern, blocked	9
49580	Rpr umbil hern, reduc < 5 yr	4
49582	Rpr umbil hern, block < 5 yr	9
49587	Rpr umbil hern, block > 5 yr	9
49600	Repair umbilical lesion	4
50947	Laparo new ureter/bladder	9
50948	Laparo new ureter/bladder	9
51050	Removal of bladder stone	4
51065	Remove ureter calculus	4
51080	Drainage of bladder abscess	1
51520	Removal of bladder lesion	4
51715	Endoscopic injection/implant	3
52282	Cystoscopy, implant stent	9
52327	Cystoscopy, inject material	2
52341	Cysto w/ureter stricture tx	3
52342	Cysto w/up stricture tx	3
52343	Cysto w/renal stricture tx	3
52344	Cysto/uretero, stone remove	3
52345	Cysto/uretero w/up stricture	3
52346	Cystouretero w/renal strict	3
52355	Cystouretero w/excise tumor	4
52510	Dilation prostatic urethra	3
52647	Laser surgery of prostate	9
52648	Laser surgery of prostate	9

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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
53080	Drainage of urinary leakage	3
53270	Removal of urethra gland	2
53850	Prostatic microwave thermotx	9
54000	Slitting of prepuce	2
54111	Treat penis lesion, graft	2
54112	Treat penis lesion, graft	2
54150	Circumcision	1
54160	Circumcision	2
54304	Revision of penis	3
54308	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54312	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54316	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54318	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54322	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54324	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54326	Reconstruction of urethra	3
54328	Revise penis/urethra	3
54340	Secondary urethral surgery	3
54344	Secondary urethral surgery	3
54348	Secondary urethral surgery	3
54352	Reconstruct urethra/penis	3
54380	Repair penis	3
54385	Repair penis	3
54400	Insert semi-rigid prosthesis	3
54401	Insert self-contd prosthesis	3
54405	Insert multi-comp penis pros	3
54406	Remove multi-comp penis pros	3
54408	Repair multi-comp penis pros	3
54410	Remove/replace penis prosth	3
54415	Remove self-contd penis pros	3
54416	Remv/repl penis contain pros	3
54522	Orchiectomy, partial	3
54690	Laparoscopy, orchiectomy	9
55250	Removal of sperm duct(s)	2
55550	Laparo ligate spermatic vein	9
55725	Drainage of prostate abscess	2
55859	Percut/needle insert, pros	9
57023	I & d vag hematoma, non-ob	1
57289	Repair bladder & vagina	5
57291	Construction of vagina	5
57415	Remove vaginal foreign body	2
57556	Remove cervix, repair bowel	5
58350	Reopen fallopian tube	3
58545	Laparoscopic myomectomy	9
58546	Laparo-myomectomy, complex	9
58550	Laparo-asst vag hysterectomy	9
58560	Hysteroscopy, resect septum	3
58562	Hysteroscopy, remove fb	3
59160	D & c after delivery	3
59320	Revision of cervix	1
59812	Treatment of miscarriage	5



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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
59820	Care of miscarriage	5
59821	Treatment of miscarriage	5
59840	Abortion	5
59841	Abortion	5
59870	Evacuate mole of uterus	5
59871	Remove cerclage suture	5
61886	Implant neurostim arrays	3
62281	Treat spinal cord lesion	1
62287	Percutaneous disectomy	9
62355	Remove spinal canal catheter	2
64553	Implant neuroelectrodes	1
64573	Implant neuroelectrodes	1
64577	Implant neuroelectrodes	1
64580	Implant neuroelectrodes	1
64585	Revise/remove neuroelectrode	1
64821	Remove sympathetic nerves	4
64885	Nerve graft, head or neck	2
64886	Nerve graft, head or neck	2
65772	Correction of astigmatism	4
65775	Correction of astigmatism	4
66825	Reposition intraocular lens	4
67027	Implant eye drug system	4
67334	Revise eye muscle w/suture	4
67335	Eye suture during surgery	4
67900	Repair brow defect	4
68115	Remove eyelid lining lesion	2
68770	Close tear system fistula	4
69300	Revise external ear	3
69714	Implant temple bone w/stimul	9
69715	Temple bone implant w/stimulat	9
69717	Temple bone implant revision	9
69718	Revise temple bone implant	9
G0260	Inj for sacroiliac jt anesth	1

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Attachment B

ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
15756	Free myo/skin flap microvasc	3
15757	Free skin flap, microvasc	3
15758	Free fascial flap, microvasc	3
15842	Flap for face nerve palsy	4
16030	Treatment of burn(s)	1
16035	Incision of burn scab, initi	2
19260	Removal of chest wall lesion	5
19364	Breast reconstruction	5
20660	Apply, rem fixation device	2
20661	Application of head brace	3
20662	Application of pelvis brace	3
20663	Application of thigh brace	3
20665	Removal of fixation device	1
20955	Fibula bone graft, microvasc	4
20962	Other bone graft, microvasc	4
20969	Bone/skin graft, microvasc	4
20970	Bone/skin graft, iliac crest	4
20972	Bone/skin graft, metatarsal	4
20973	Bone/skin graft, great toe	4
21343	Treatment of sinus fracture	5
21360	Treat cheek bone fracture	4
21365	Treat cheek bone fracture	5
21385	Treat eye socket fracture	5
21386	Treat eye socket fracture	5
21387	Treat eye socket fracture	5
21390	Treat eye socket fracture	7
21395	Treat eye socket fracture	7
21406	Treat eye socket fracture	4
21407	Treat eye socket fracture	5
21422	Treat mouth roof fracture	5
21470	Treat lower jaw fracture	5
21495	Treat hyoid bone fracture	4
21510	Drainage of bone lesion	3
21550	Biopsy of neck/chest	1
21620	Partial removal of sternum	2
21810	Treatment of rib fracture(s)	2
21920	Biopsy soft tissue of back	1
22100	Remove part of neck vertebra	3
22101	Remove part, thorax vertebra	3
22102	Remove part, lumbar vertebra	3
22103	Remove extra spine segment	3
22325	Treat spine fracture	3
22326	Treat neck spine fracture	3
22327	Treat thorax spine fracture	3
22328	Treat each add spine fx	3
23065	Biopsy shoulder tissues	1
24065	Biopsy arm/elbow soft tissue	1
24150	Extensive humerus surgery	3
24151	Extensive humerus surgery	4
24152	Extensive radius surgery	3
24153	Extensive radius surgery	4

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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
25065	Biopsy forearm soft tissues	1
25170	Extensive forearm surgery	3
26035	Decompress fingers/hand	4
26037	Decompress fingers/hand	4
26551	Great toe-hand transfer	4
26553	Single transfer, toe-hand	2
26554	Double transfer, toe-hand	2
26992	Drainage of bone lesion	2
27030	Drainage of hip joint	3
27303	Drainage of bone lesion	2
27440	Revision of knee joint	5
27507	Treatment of thigh fracture	4
27511	Treatment of thigh fracture	4
27513	Treatment of thigh fracture	5
27524	Treat kneecap fracture	3
27535	Treat knee fracture	3
27613	Biopsy lower leg soft tissue	1
27715	Revision of lower leg	4
30124	Removal of nose lesion	1
31584	Treat larynx fracture	4
31600	Incision of windpipe	2
31710	Insertion of airway catheter	1
31715	Injection for bronchus x-ray	1
31785	Remove windpipe lesion	4
31800	Repair of windpipe injury	2
32002	Treatment of collapsed lung	2
32005	Treat lung lining chemically	2
32020	Insertion of chest tube	2
34101	Removal of artery clot	3
38700	Removal of lymph nodes, neck	2
38790	Inject for lymphatic x-ray	1
40805	Removal, foreign body, mouth	2
40806	Incision of lip fold	1
40820	Treatment of mouth lesion	1
41000	Drainage of mouth lesion	1
41105	Biopsy of tongue	2
41110	Excision of tongue lesion	1
41115	Excision of tongue fold	1
41805	Removal foreign body, gum	1
41806	Removal foreign body,jawbone	1
42104	Excision lesion, mouth roof	2
42106	Excision lesion, mouth roof	2
42160	Treatment mouth roof lesion	1
42225	Reconstruct cleft palate	5
42281	Insertion, palate prosthesis	3
42335	Removal of salivary stone	3
44345	Revision of colostomy	4
44346	Revision of colostomy	4
49000	Exploration of abdomen	4
49400	Air injection into abdomen	1
49425	Insert abdomen-venous drain	2

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ASC Procedure	Description	ASC Payment Group
50020	Renal abscess, open drain	2
50040	Drainage of kidney	3
50520	Close kidney-skin fistula	1
50570	Kidney endoscopy	1
50572	Kidney endoscopy	1
50574	Kidney endoscopy & biopsy	1
50576	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50578	Renal endoscopy/radiotracer	1
50580	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50684	Injection for ureter x-ray	1
50690	Injection for ureter x-ray	1
51005	Drainage of bladder	1
51600	Injection for bladder x-ray	1
51605	Preparation for bladder xray	1
51610	Injection for bladder x-ray	1
51725	Simple cystometrogram	1
51865	Repair of bladder wound	4
51900	Repair bladder/vagina lesion	4
51920	Close bladder-uterus fistula	3
54125	Removal of penis	2
55600	Incise sperm duct pouch	1
55605	Incise sperm duct pouch	1
55650	Remove sperm duct pouch	1
56405	I & D of vulva/perineum	2
56605	Biopsy of vulva/perineum	1
57310	Repair urethrovaginal lesion	3
57311	Repair urethrovaginal lesion	4
57320	Repair bladder-vagina lesion	3
57800	Dilation of cervical canal	1
60220	Partial removal of thyroid	2
60225	Partial removal of thyroid	3
62256	Remove brain cavity shunt	2
62351	Implant spinal canal cath	2
62367	Analyze spine infusion pump	2
62368	Analyze spine infusion pump	2
69424	Remove ventilating tube	1
69710	Implant/replace hearing aid	3