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## *October 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.3*

### 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 article is based on Change Request (CR) 4007, which informs your Fiscal Intermediary (FI) that the July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (OPPS OCE) specifications have been updated with new additions, deletions, and changes.

### Background

This article is based on information contained in Change Request (CR) 4007, which provides the revised OPPS OCE instructions and specifications that will be utilized, effective October 1, 2005, under the OPPS for hospital outpatient departments, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs), and for limited services as defined below when provided in a:

- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF);
- Home Health Agency (HHS) not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System; or to a
- Hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness.

Full details about Version 6.3 of the OPPS OCE are contained in CR4007 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 to be familiar with these details.

The modifications of the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) for the October version of the revised OPPS OCE (Version 6.3) are summarized in Appendix L of CR4007. Another key aspect of CR is Attachment B (Final Summary of Data Changes), which details all the revised APC/HCPCS/CPT changes and other changes.

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## Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is October 3, 2005.

## Additional Information

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

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm\\_date\\_dsc.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp) on the CMS web site. From that web page, look for CR4007 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp> on the CMS web site.

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