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### *January 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 7.0*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) and regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for services paid under the OPPTS

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- Change Request (CR) 4238 reflects specifications that were issued for the October revision of the OPPTS OCE (Version 6.3).
- CR4238 provides the revised OPPTS OCE instructions and specifications that will be used under the OPPTS for hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers (CMHCs), and for limited services when provided:
  - In a Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) or Home Health Agency (HHA) not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System; or
  - To a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness.
- The modifications of the OCE/APC for the January 2006 release (V7.0) are summarized in the table in the *Background* section of Medlearn Matters article MM4238.

#### Important Links

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