

# CMS Manual System

## Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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**SUBJECT:** Expansion of Various Alpha and Numeric Fields with in the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Currently the field byte size for Status Indicator (SI), Edits, Payment Adjustment, and Payment Indicator in the OPSS OCE are limited, these various fields will be expanded to update the editors to accommodate development.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :**

**EFFECTIVE DATE :** October 01, 2005

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE :** October 03, 2005

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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	

**III. FUNDING:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The OPPS OCE was established to ensure correct payment and implementation of policy decisions related to outpatient institutional provider payments. Due to limited space, the increasing need for additional edits and status indicators (SI), the following fields will be expanded / incorporated into the OPPS editor to accommodate this development:

- The OPPS OCE Status Indicator (SI) is an alpha field which will be expanded to 2 bytes,
- The OPPS OCE Edit field is a numeric field which will be expanded to 3 bytes,
- The OPPS OCE Payment Indicator is a numeric field which will be expanded to 2 bytes, and
- The OPPS OCE Payment Adjustment Flag is a numeric field which will be expanded to 2 bytes

**B. Policy:** Necessary modifications are needed to the OCE software products to assure proper outpatient payment for institutional providers in accordance with Medicare legislation.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*  
*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
3767.1	The Shared System Maintainer shall incorporate the OPPS OCE expansion of the SI alpha field to a 2-byte position into their systems.	X				X			X	OCE



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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

**C. Interfaces: OPPTS OCE**

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**

**E. Dependencies: N/A**

**F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

## V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p><b>Effective Date*:</b> October 1, 2005</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> October 3, 2005</p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Diana Motsiopoulos @ <a href="mailto:dmotsiopoulos@cms.hhs.gov">dmotsiopoulos@cms.hhs.gov</a> or Antoinette Johnson @ <a href="mailto:ajohnson2@cms.hhs.gov">ajohnson2@cms.hhs.gov</a></p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Regional Offices</p>	<p><b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.</b></p>
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