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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1583

**SUBJECT: Problems with Processing of Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Claims Through the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)**

Non-OPPS claims are receiving OCE edits 06 and 28 from the OPSS OCE in error. Previously, these claims were being directed to the non-OPPS OCE until a change could be made to the January OCE. Unfortunately, when these claims were submitted through the January version of the OPSS OCE the problem continued. As a result, these claims are not able to process to payment.

This Program Memorandum (PM) requests the Standard Systems to reinstall a workaround that would redirect these claims to the non-OPPS OCE. This workaround should be installed no later than April 1, 2001.

In the interim, contractors may override these OCE edits for their non-OPPS claims.

Once you are certain the July OCE has corrected the problem identified above, remove the workaround code.

**The *effective date* for this PM is February 23, 2001.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is no later than April 1, 2001.**

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

**This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.**

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