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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2897

**SUBJECT: October Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.0 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that the non-OPPS 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 and ICD-9-CM codes. The CMS sent detailed information about these changes in separate communications (see Transmittals AB-02-132, dated September 27, 2002, AB-03-91, dated June 20, 2003 and AB-03-129, dated August 22, 2003.) 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 codes were **added** to the list of non-covered procedures, effective August 1, 2000:
  - J1055
  - J3520
  - J3535
  - J3570
  - Q2001

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

- **HCPCS Code Changes**

- The following code was **added** to the list of valid HCPCS, effective July 1, 2003:
  - G3001

### **III. Changes effective October 1, 2003**

- **HCPCS Code Changes**

- The following codes were **added** to the list of valid HCPCS, effective October 1, 2003:
  - C9208
  - C9209
  - G0296
  - G0297
  - G0298
  - G0299
  - G0300
  - Q4075
  - Q4076
  - Q4077
  - Q4078

- **Non-Reportable List Changes:**
  - The following codes will be **added** to the list of non-reportable procedures, effective October 1, 2003:
    - C9208
    - C9209
    - Q4075
    - Q4076
    - Q4077
  
- **Non-Covered List Changes**
  - The following codes will be **removed** from the list of non-covered procedures, effective October 1, 2003:
    - L8110
    - L8120

### **Provider Education**

Notify hospitals not subject to OPSS of this by publishing either a summary or relevant portions of this instruction in 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-OPSS OCE HCPCS Updates is available on your Web site.

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

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

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

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

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