
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 18.1 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that the 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. CMS sent detailed information about these changes in separate communications. See PM AB-02-132. This OCE is used to process bills from Indian health services hospitals, critical access hospitals, Maryland hospitals, and hospitals located in American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan. Claims from Virgin Island hospitals with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002, are also processed through this OCE. Below are additional CMS changes that were not reflected in the separate communications sent.

Non-Reportable Procedures

Remove the following code from the list of Non-Reportable procedures, retroactive to August 1, 2000.

99183

Deleted HCPCS Procedure Codes

Delete the following codes from the valid codes list and from any associated edits, effective October 1, 2002.

C8915
C8916
C8917

Adjust claims when brought to your attention for those bills that have already been processed having codes with retroactive dates.

Provider Education

Notify providers of this information through your next scheduled bulletin and post on your Web site within two weeks.

The *effective date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

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

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.

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

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