

CMS Manual System

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SUBJECT: 2005 Scheduled Release for October Updates to Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This recurring update notification provides information to contractors about updates to the CMS Managed Modules for October 2005 software programs and pricing/coding files.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : September 26, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : September 26, 2005

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

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:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

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: N/A

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

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: September 26, 2005 Implementation Date: September 26, 2005 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Joe Bryson at joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-2986 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Office	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.
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Attachment

Title of software/ Pricing Files	Scheduled Release Date	Description of Update	Release Cycle
IPPS PRICER	August 15	Update to DRGs and wage rates.	Semi-annual – (October and April)
IRF PRICER	August 15	Update to CMGs and wage rates.	Annual - (October)
LTCH PRICER	August 15	Update to DRG and wage rates.	Semi-annual – (July and October)
OPPS PRICER	August 15	Updates APC rates and wage indices. A second release will be sent on or around September 6 th to update ASP data. The September 6 th release date is dependent on availability of ASP data and is therefore subject to change.	Quarterly
HHA PRICER	no October update	Not applicable.	Annual - (January)
ASC PRICER	no October update	Not applicable.	Semi-annual – (October and January)
SNF PRICER	August 15	Updates annual rate increases and new wage indices due to legislative mandate.	Annual - (October)
Hospice PRICER	August 15	Updates annual rate increases and new wage indices due to legislative mandate.	Annual – (October)
IPF PRICER	August 15	Off-cycle release to update the teaching adjustment.	Annual – (July)
ESRD PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
ASP Pricing File	September 19	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.	Quarterly

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OPPS OCE	July 27	Updates CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.	Quarterly
Non-OPPS OCE	July 27	Updates codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.	Quarterly
Inpatient GROUPER	August 15	Updates DRG and ICD-9.	Annual – (October)
MCE	August 15	Updates edits.	Annual – (October)
Zip Code File	August 15	Update of zip codes for ambulance reporting.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	August 15	Update to the table (dependent on Final Rule).	Quarterly
MPFSDB	August 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF/CAH)	August 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Supplemental File (Therapy/ CORF)	August 10	Updates fee schedule services and their related prices.	Quarterly
Hospice File for RHHIs	August 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly

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Mammo- graphy Benefit Pricing File	August 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	August 10	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFS National Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Inter- pretations	August 10	Update to codes. Allows carriers to accept and process claims for purchased diagnostic tests/interpretations billed by suppliers regardless of location.	Quarterly
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	Carriers– Aug 11 FIs– Aug 18	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	no October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	no October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
HCPCS	no October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Anesthesia File	no October update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)

Note: All dates on the above table are for 2005.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify data centers via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. Contractors will be notified of the availability of pricing/coding files per future OTNs or RUNs.

Acronyms:

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASP – Average Sale Price
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
CAH – Critical Access Hospital
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
CY – Calendar Year
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
ESRD – End Stage Renal Disease
HHA – Home Health Agency
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IPF – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
MCE – Medicare Code Editor
MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
NWI – New Wage Indexes
OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OTN – One-Time Notification
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
RUN – Recurring Update Notification
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities