

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 13134</b>	<b>Date: April 2, 2025</b>
	<b>Change Request 13992</b>

**SUBJECT: April 2025 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 26.1**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2025**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 7, 2025**

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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.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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**II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Background:** This instruction informs the A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) Part A, the A/B MACs Part Home Health and Hospice (HHH) and the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) that the I/OCE is being updated for April 1, 2025. The I/OCE routes all institutional outpatient claims (which includes non-OPPS hospital claims) through a single integrated OCE.

**B. Policy:** This notification provides the Integrated OCE instructions and specifications for the Integrated OCE that will be utilized under the OPPS and non-OPPS for hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers, all non-OPPS providers, and for limited services when provided in a home health agency not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System or to a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness. The I/OCE specifications will be posted to the CMS website and can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/outpatientcodeedit>.

**III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE**

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				O t h e r
		A	B	H H H		FI SS	M C S	V M S	C W F	
1399 2.1	The Shared System Maintainer shall install the I/OCE into their systems.					X				
1399 2.2	Medicare contractors shall identify the I/OCE specifications on the CMS website at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/Outpatient">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/Outpatient</a>	X		X		X				

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
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		A	B	H H H		FI SS	M CS	V M S	C W F	
	CodeEdit/OCEQtrReleaseSpecs.									
1399 2.3	Medicare contractors shall ensure that PARMHBIH is updated with codes listed on the Part B Billable Inpatient HCPCS additions found on the summary of data changes attachment.	X		X						

**IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION**

Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.

**Impacted Contractors:** A/B MAC Part A, A/B MAC Part HHH

**V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:** N/A

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information:** N/A

**VI. CONTACTS**

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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