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Subject: Composite Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Processing under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: As composite APCs become more prevalent and are expanded to a variety of services, there exists a greater potential for a single line to meet the requirements for more than one Payment Adjustment Flag value. Therefore, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2009, the I/OCE shall create a new Composite Adjustment Flag in the APC Return Buffer.

New / Revised Material

Effective Date: January 1, 2009

Implementation Date: January 5, 2009

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:

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers, and Regional Home Health Carriers (RHHIs):*

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

Section B: 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. ATTACHMENT:

One-Time Notification

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	00 = No composite group assigned 01 = First composite group on claim 02 = Second composite group on claim Nn = nth composite group on claim										
6056.4	Medicare Standard System Maintainers shall make necessary system modifications to allow for a new two-byte, alphanumeric, APC Return Buffer Flag from the I/OCE.						X				X
6056.5	Effective for dates of service January 1, 2009, the OPSS Pricer shall calculate composite APC payment based on assigned values for the newly created Composite Adjustment Flag, instead of the Payment Adjustment Flag (used during CY 2008).										OPSS Pricer

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	None.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
6056.3	<p>The following is the linkage section that will be included in the OPPS Pricer, effective for January 1, 2009:</p> <pre> ***** * * INPUT RECORD FROM THE OCE/STANDARD SYSTEM * ***** * 01 OCE-DATA. 05 OPSS-OCE-LINE OCCURS 450 TIMES DEPENDING ON OPSS-LINE-CNT. 10 OPSS-HCPCS. 15 OPSS-ALPHA PIC X(01). 15 FILLER PIC X(04). 10 OPSS-GRP. 15 FILLER PIC X(01). 15 OPSS-APC PIC X(04). 10 OPSS-HCPCS-APC PIC X(05). 10 OPSS-SRVC-IND PIC X(02). 10 OPSS-PYMT-IND PIC X(02). 10 OPSS-DISC-FACT PIC 9(01). 10 OPSS-LITEM-DR-FLAG PIC X(01). 10 OPSS-PKG-FLAG PIC X(01). 10 OPSS-PYMT-ADJ-FLAG PIC X(02). 10 OPSS-SITE-SRVC-FLAG PIC X(01). 10 OPSS-SRVC-UNITS PIC 9(07). 10 OPSS-SUB-CHRG PIC 9(08)V99. 10 OPSS-LITEM-ACT-FLAG PIC X(01). 10 OPSS-COMP-ADJ-FLAG PIC X(02). </pre>

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

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