



Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Implementation Issue Messages - 01/16/06 To Workgroup Members

APC Project Workgroup Members

In order to facilitate dialogue between MDCH and the hospitals and health plans as we work through key policy decisions and differences between Medicaid and Medicare, we will be sending out weekly e-mails identifying policy and system development areas that we are currently working on. As part of the project workgroup, we recognize that many of you have had numerous years of experience with OPPS billing, coverage, and payment issues and we look forward to your feedback and comments regarding these issues as we move forward with our implementation decisions.

Week of 1/16/06: OPPS and MDCH Systems Billing Limitations

Background: MDCH's invoice processing system currently limits the allowable number of billed service lines on a claim to 50. When a claim is received with greater than 50 service lines - the system breaks the claim into a second CRN and it is adjudicated as a new claim.

Issue: Under MDCH's current OPH reimbursement methodology, this is rarely a problem as we do not require the level of detail that OPPS billing does, however we recognize that under OPPS, this may not be the case. We believe there may be instances where providers will be billing claims with greater than 50 claim lines under the OPPS billing rules and when following CMS's repetitive billing guidelines for outpatient encounters (also known as series billing).

Questions:

- 1) What percent of your OPH claims currently exceed 50 claim lines (for any payers)??
- 2) What percent of your Medicaid OPH claims do you anticipate may exceed 50 service lines on a monthly basis following CMS's current billing guidelines?
- 3) What types of services/visits provided in the OPH setting could we expect to see claims with greater than 50 service lines occurring?
- 4) Other concerns/questions/information regarding repetitive billing and/or claims with greater than 50 service lines??

In order to reduce unwanted e-mails to other workgroup members, please only send your response back to the APC Project e-mail address at APCProject@michigan.gov. All issues and a summary of the responses will be posted to the MDCH OPPS website under the following link: www.michigan.gov/mdch. Click on "Providers">>>"Information for Medicaid Providers">>>"Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Project".

Thank you in advance for your response.