

Important MDCH Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Annual/Quarterly Process
Status 4th Quarter MDCH's OPPS APC's/ASC's (October – December 2012)

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issues a timed release schedule of the annual/quarterly updates specific to software changes for Optum (our software vendor). MDCH staff monitors the CMS site – once CMS releases the files (i.e., Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications, HCPCS, etc.) work begins immediately to review policy impact, coverage/service review, schedule meetings, and implement the quarterly process. MDCH forwards policy/rate updates/Wrap Code List information directly to Optum.

- A conference was held with Optum September 21, 2012, to review the OPPS 4th quarter updates. There were two new additions of covered services effective dates of service on/after 10/01/2012. Providers may refer to Medicare Change Request [CR] 8031 and 8032 for additional information.
- Optum released the MI specific APC product to the MDCH CHAMPS Claims Team October 10, 2012. UAT is in progress.
- Optum released the MI specific ASC product to the MDCH CHAMPS Claims Team October 23, 2012. UAT is in progress.
- An additional 2 – 3 weeks is required for internal program updates, quality assurance checks, and regression testing. MDCH must also include time and consideration for additional CMS changes following initial release of the quarterly updates. This timeline is necessary for Optum to develop the MI specific software version specific to each OPPS quarter (including any retro changes), perform quality control, internal development and testing period. The Optum software programming is separate and distinct from CHAMPS unit acceptance testing (UAT).
- Once Optum has developed the MI APC specific software, the product is delivered to CNSI and scheduled as part of a maintenance release. MDCH works directly with Optum during development, however Optum needs adequate time to modify the MI specific APC product and complete internal control steps/development testing with each release. MDCH's OPPS is a MI (Medicaid) specific software product and aligns as closely as possible with Medicare; however, it does require modification to be a MI Specific APC/ASC product.
- Following OPPS protocol, MDCH will claim adjust any claims that may be impacted by a delayed quarterly update implementation.

MDCH OPPS/APC and ASC Wrap Around Code List revisions and changes will be posted per usual and customary process.