

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

## **Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

### **Quarterly Implementation Process**

Pending initial review of the finalized Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and fee schedule documents each quarter, MDHHS begins researching the CMS OPPS changes, reviews outpatient hospital policy, and starts the implementation process. Please note that often the CMS finalized documents for the quarter are not received until after the first of the quarter has passed.

Following initial review, information is formatted and sent to our software vendor (Optum), and then a conference call is scheduled to communicate and confirm the necessary quarterly software changes/updates. These software changes for Optum require approximately three weeks (minimum) for internal program updates, quality assurance checks and regression testing with consideration for additional CMS changes following initial release of the quarterly updates.

Once Optum releases the Michigan specific quarterly updates, MDHHS then must schedule the implementation of the quarterly updates/files from Optum within the next upcoming Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) fix/release schedule. MDHHS will claim adjust any claims that may be impacted by a delayed quarterly update implementation.