



## October 2021 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 22.3

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### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters Article is for hospitals, providers, and suppliers sending claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice MACs (HH&H MACs), for services they provide to Medicare patients.

### Provider Action Needed

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This Article tells you there are changes, effective October 1, 2021, for claims processing for:

- Hospital outpatient departments
- Community mental health centers
- All non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) hospital providers
- Limited services when provided in an HH agency (HHA) that isn't under the HH PPS
- A hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness

Make sure your billing staff knows the content of these updates.

### Background

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CMS is updating the I/OCE for October 1, 2021. The I/OCE routes all institutional outpatient claims (which includes non-OPPS hospital claims) through a single integrated OCE. We'll post the I/OCE specifications on the [CMS website](#) when complete.

You may review the summary of [quarterly release modifications](#) that are part of CR 12432 for the changes in the October 1, 2021, I/OCE release.

## More Information

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We issued [CR 12432](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

## Document History

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Date of Change	Description
September 22, 2021	Initial article released.

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