

Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Project

Effective July 1, 2005

Wyoming Department of Health

Purpose and Objectives

Topics we will cover include:

- History behind OPPS and APCs
- Affected providers
- Affected services
- Budget Neutrality
- Conversion Factors
- Questions
- Resources for more information
- Contact information

History Behind OPPS & APCs

- Since July of 1994, EqualityCare has reimbursed outpatient hospital services using Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment groups and fee schedules tied to specific CPT/HCPCS codes and revenue codes.
- In 1997, Congress directed Medicare to implement a new approach to paying for hospital outpatient care.
- The resulting Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System, or OPPS, was implemented in August 2000.
- In adopting OPPS, EqualityCare is taking advantage of Medicare's groundwork as well as provider's familiarity with Medicare's system.
- The goal is to provide more consistency between facilities – the same payment for the same service – while maintaining access to quality care.

Affected Providers

Effective with dates of service starting July 1, 2005

- **Providers included:**
 - General Hospitals (in state and out of state)
 - Critical Access Hospitals (in state and out state)

Affected Services

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- **Included services:**

- Outpatient services provided by in and out-of-state hospitals, including critical access hospitals. Services include, but are not limited to:
 - ✓ Surgery
 - ✓ Radiology
 - ✓ Evaluation & Management (E/M)
 - ✓ General Medicine (chemotherapy, echocardiography, etc.)
 - ✓ Injectable Drugs (J-Codes)

For a complete list of covered services, please consult the new APC-based fee schedule, which will be posted to the EqualityCare website.

Affected Services

- **Excluded Services:**

- Outpatient bone marrow and stem cell transplants
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- Hospice
- Home Health
- Medicare Crossovers
- Outpatient services billed directly to the State Breast and Cervical Cancer Program



Questions?

Resources for More Information

- Hospitals will continue to be informed of changes through provider bulletins and the EqualityCare website.
- Address of the EqualityCare website:
<http://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/opps.html>

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