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OPPS APC Update for 2018

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DATE AND TIME

December 14, 2017
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OVERVIEW

The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), in the form of Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs), is now being significantly changed. The final changes for 2018 continue to involve significantly increased packaging in several forms. Further changes for device dependent APCs along with changes generated to by cost reporting changes. Besides composite APCs, we now have comprehensive APCs. These changes started in 2008 and continue to accelerate with particular attention relative to observation services. Given additional changes for CPT and HCPCS, the impact of changes for APCs are revolutionary as opposed to evolutionary. Consideration must also be given to how provider-based clinics are being impacted with the implementation of Section 603 of BiBA 2015.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify many of the proposed and finalized changes to the APCs for 2017.
2. Explain how recent changes in the cost reporting process affect APC payments.
3. Discuss changes in grouping with particular attention to new CPT and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.
4. Evaluate the possible impact of the proposed change on high impact areas such as observation, the emergency department, interventional radiology and associated areas.
5. Discuss anticipated future changes and directions for APCs.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Health care outpatient clinical staff, physicians, nurses, compliance personnel, billing, coding and claims personnel, patient financial management, cost and accounting personnel, cost report personnel, financial analysts and planners, managed care contract personnel, and hospital chargemaster coordinators, and others interested in OPPS and APCs.

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