Annual schedule of CMS effective dates

May 2019

CMS effective dates and files for systems maintenance

HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology (copyright)
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
SNFPPS	Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System
CDT	Current Dental Terminology (copyright)
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases – 10 – Clinical Modification
ASP	Average Sales Price
ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases – 10 – Procedural Coding System
OCE	Outpatient Code Editor
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
MUE	Medically Unlikely Edit
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

January – posted in December or November

- January 1st HCPCS/CPT codes effective date (annual release)
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (annual release)
- Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (annual release)
- Part B Drug ASP Fee Schedule (annual release)
- DMEPOS Fee Schedule (annual release)
- Medicaid MUE files (annual release)
- Medicare MUE files (annual release)
- OCE files (annual release)

April – may be posted in February or March

- April 1st quarterly HCPCS codes effective date
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (quarterly release if quarterly lab code changes; may be partial fee schedule)
- Quarterly Part B Drug ASP Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicaid MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicare MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly OCE files (quarterly release)

July – may be posted in May or June

- April 1st quarterly HCPCS codes effective date
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (quarterly release if quarterly lab code changes; may be partial fee schedule)
- Quarterly Part B Drug ASP Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicaid MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicare MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly OCE files (quarterly release)

August

- IPPS Final Rule and associated files (annual release)
- SNFPPS Final Rule and associated files (annual release)

October – may be posted in August or September

- April 1st quarterly HCPCS codes effective date
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (quarterly release if quarterly lab code changes; may be partial fee schedule)
- Quarterly Part B Drug ASP Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicaid MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly Medicare MUE files (quarterly release)
- Quarterly OCE files (quarterly release)

November

- HCPCS contractor file released to State Medicaid Agencies by CMS (contains CPT, CDT, and HCPCS codes)
- OPPS Final Rule and associated files (annual release)

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Codes

- January 1st HCPCS/CPT codes (annual release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS.html
- Quarterly HCPCS codes
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update.html
- October 1st ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes (annual release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html

Fee schedules

- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (annual and quarterly release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files.html
- Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (annual and quarterly release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files.html
- Part B Drug ASP Fee Schedule (annual and quarterly release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/index.html
- DMEPOS Fee Schedule (annual and quarterly release)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/DMEPOS-Fee-Schedule.html

MUE, OCE

- Medicaid MUE files (annual release, also quarterly)
  https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/ncci/edit-files/index.html
- Medicare MUE files (annual release, also quarterly)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/MUE.html
- OCE files (annual release, also quarterly)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/OCEQtrReleaseSpecs.html

PPS

- IPPS Final Rule and associated files (usually available by August)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/index.html
- OPPS Final Rule and associated files (may be posted in October or November)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/Hospital-Outpatient-Regulations-and-Notices.html
- SNFPPS Final Rule and associated files (usually available in early August)
  https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/index.html

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