

Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

Notification of Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Edits Reimbursement Policy

Effective Date: Implementation date to be determined.

Line(s) of Business Affected: Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Reimbursement policy

Explanation of Change(s):

JHHC would like to give our providers advance notification of our adherence to the reimbursement policy concerning CMS' Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) edits. The implementation date for JHHC is yet to be determined, but we will send out more information on OCE shortly.

The OCE is an editing system created and maintained by CMS to process outpatient facility claims. The OCE edits identify incorrect and improper coding of these claims. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI or CCI) was developed by CMS to promote consistent and correct coding methodologies. JHHC has adopted a subset of the OCE edits and will use these when processing outpatient facility claims. Our OCE reimbursement policy states that JHHC will not provide reimbursement for services identified through the OCE system as billing/coding errors.

For More Information:

Providers can access the link below to see quarterly updates to the [OCE edits for regulated and non-regulated facilities](#).

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns