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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1465

**SUBJECT: Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 16.1**

This Program Memorandum (PM) informs you that the OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to HCFA Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition codes. The majority of these codes are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2001. HCFA sent detailed information about these changes in separate communications. This OCE is used to process bills from Indian health service hospitals, critical access hospitals, Maryland hospitals, and hospitals located in American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan. The OCE was delivered to the maintainers on November 24, 2000.

**The *effective date* for this PM is January 1, 2001.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2001.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2002.**

**If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.**