

Chapter 13

Addendum A

## Development Schedule For TRICARE Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)/Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Quarterly Update

Revision:

CRITICAL TASKS AND MILESTONES			
#	WHO	EVENT	DAYS
1	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Preliminary CMS edit & logic changes to TRICARE (new edits, logic, flags, etc.)	
2	DHA/Contractors	Provide TRICARE-specific edit/logic changes to OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	10 days
3	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	CMS data changes to TRICARE (new codes, APC, SI) Plus Intersection Report	
4	DHA/Contractors	Provide TRICARE-specific data changes to OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor (APC, SI, edit assignment, ...) (see <a href="#">Addendum B</a> )	10 days
5	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Update TC Working specifications	3 days
6	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Write code for TRICARE program logic/edit and product changes: (Component, MF)	5 days
7	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Update TC mods files & Build TC Read-Only Tables (ROTs)	6 days
8	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	TRICARE Working specs & Data Summary to TRICARE - For Review/Approval	5 days
9	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Unit test TC program & product changes - Component, MF (need ROT from Step 7)	1 day
10	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Build TC ROT #2 ... If necessary. (To correct errors or make late CMS changes)	3 days
11	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Create User Documentation	12 days
12	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Test case creation Alpha testing Install testing	7 days 8 days 2 days
13	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Media and Documents production	1 day
14	OPPS OCE and PRICER Vendor	Release - General Release to TRICARE and Contractors	

**Note:** The above quarterly time expectations are ideal, but may be subject to change.

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