

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DABP0084 Amd 36/2022
Name	OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures, Version 4.10
Approval date	27 October 2022
Publication date	1 November 2022
Standard definition	
Description	<p>OPCS-4 is a statistical classification for clinical coding of hospital interventions and procedures undertaken by the NHS. The classification is mandatory for use by healthcare providers to support various forms of data collections for secondary uses.</p> <p>The classification comprises a list of alphanumeric codes organised into mainly anatomically based chapters. It is available to download as an eVersion and will be available online using the NHS Digital Classifications Browser. It is also published as a book set (Tabular List and Index) by The Stationery Office (TSO) for purchase by users.</p> <p>The Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service within NHS Digital has responsibility for the support, maintenance, development and licensing of the OPCS-4 which is governed by Crown Copyright.</p>
About this change	<p>This release is part of the regular review and uplift of OPCS-4 every 3 years to reflect current NHS clinical practice to support aggregate data for statistical purposes and reimbursement.</p> <p>Minor changes, which include new codes, retirements and changes to code descriptions and notes, are detailed in the <i>Summary of Core Changes</i>, published alongside this document (see link below). There are no changes to the underlying architecture or structure of OPCS-4.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	All providers of NHS funded hospital services
Impacts upon	Implementation of this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers;

	suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	The Summary of Core Changes, Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0084 Further guidance is published by NHS Digital .
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Dates	
Implementation date	All systems must be able to use OPCS 4.10 with immediate effect from 1 April 2023
Full conformance date	All systems must be able to use OPCS 4.10 with immediate effect from 1 April 2023
Post Implementation Review date	1 April 2024

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