

## Information Standards Notice – Change

Following recommendation by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), the Department of Health has approved a change to an existing information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB), allowing publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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

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Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI0084 Amd 105/2015
Name	OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4.8
Acceptance date	11 October 2016
Approval date	18 October 2016
Publication date	19 October 2016
Standard definition	
Description	<p>OPCS-4 is a Fundamental Information Standard, mandated for use by health care providers. It is used to classify hospital interventions and surgical procedures to support various data collections for operational and secondary uses.</p> <p>It is mandatory for the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (CDS).</p> <p>The Clinical Classifications Service (CCS) within NHS Digital has responsibility for the support, maintenance, development and licensing of the OPCS-4 which is governed by Crown Copyright.</p> <p>The classification comprises a list of alphanumeric codes organised into mainly anatomically based chapters. It is published as a book set (Tabular List and Index) by The Stationery Office (TSO) and is also available to download as an eVersion.</p> <p>The current version, 4.7, was approved in October 2013, with full conformance from 1 April 2014.</p>
About this Change	
Description	<p>The changes in Version 4.8 reflect changes in clinical practice or are in response to user feedback. A list of core changes – <i>Final Summary of Changes</i> - has been prepared by the Clinical Classifications Service and is published alongside the standard documentation (link below).</p> <p>Note that the Clinical Classifications Service makes resources available to support implementation. A full list, along with the schedule of when they will be released, is provided in the Implementation Guidance (link below).</p>
Scope (Health and	NHS Services

Social Care Act 2012)	
Applies to	All healthcare providers
Impacts upon	Implementation of the change to this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; such providers should work with their suppliers 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 Requirements Specification, Implementation Guidance, Change Paper and the Final Summary of Changes are available on the SCCI webpages: <a href="http://www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/sccci0084">www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/sccci0084</a>  Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: <a href="http://systems.digital.nhs.uk/data/clinicalcoding">http://systems.digital.nhs.uk/data/clinicalcoding</a>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation and Conformance	All Consultant Episodes and day cases that finish on or after 1 April 2017 must be recorded to OPCS-4.8.
Post Implementation Review date	1 April 2018

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