

Advance Notification – Proposed Amendment

This is an Advance Notification (AN) of proposed amendments to an existing information standard. You should start planning for the implementation of this change.

If you have any comments or feedback please contact the developer using the email address given below.

Amendment	
Date AN Published	06 April 2016
Proposed Implementation Date	01 April 2017
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI0084 Amd 105/2015
Title	OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4.8
Description	<p>This Advance Notification announces changes to OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4, with indicative timescales.</p> <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 forms of data collection for operational and secondary uses (for example, epidemiology, research, operational and strategic planning, resource utilisation, performance management and reimbursement).</p> <p>All Admitted Patient Care (Inpatient and Day case) episodes that contain surgical procedures and hospital interventions must be recorded to the mandated version of OPCS-4.</p> <p>The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) Clinical Classifications Service has responsibility for the support, maintenance, development and licensing of OPCS-4 which is subject to 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, OPCS-4.7, is due to be updated in line with the HSCIC policy to update clinical classifications every three years to ensure that they reflect current clinical practice and support the National Tariff System.</p>

	<p>OPCS-4.8 must be implemented for Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (inpatient and day cases) that end on or after 01 April 2017. The format and structure of the release files remains unchanged.</p> <p>The list below outlines the provisional dates for release of the OPCS-4.8 deliverables:</p> <p>15 July 2016 Draft summary of changes published for consultation.</p> <p>01 November 2016 Electronic data files and specifications distributed via the Technology Reference-data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) as follows: OPCS-4.8 Codes and Titles OPCS-4.8 Metadata file OPCS-4.8 Tables of Coding Equivalences Final Summary of changes</p> <p>Week beginning 23 January 2017 OPCS-4.8 eVersion OPCS-4.8 Tabular List and Index Manuals via the TSO OPCS-4.8 National Clinical Coding Standards (NCCS) reference book OPCS-4.8 Training materials via TRUD Clinical Coding Standards Course Clinical Coding Refresher Course Publish Coding Clinic with Key Learning Points and implementation guidance on website.</p> <p>Mid-March 2017 Maps from SNOMED CT to OPCS-4.8 issued as part of the terminology releases via TRUD.</p> <p>It is planned that an open consultation as required by section 251 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 will take place prior to finalisation of the changes. Formal notification of this release (via SCCI) is scheduled for 19 October 2016.</p> <p>Note: This Advance Notification is being published in advance of consideration of the changes being considered by SCCI at the September 2016 meeting. Should there be a need to change the timetable before then a communication with revised dates will be issued at the earliest opportunity.</p>
Release Specific Summary of Changes	Sixty six requests for change were received for consideration for inclusion in OPCS-4.8. A further eight requests, carried forward from the 4.7 release will also be considered. Change requests are subject to triage,

	evaluation, modelling, mapping and consultation with the clinical coding community before they are finalised for inclusion in OPCS-4.8.
Scope	<p>NHS Services</p> <p>NHS England will be asked to provide authority to publish this information standard under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p>
Applies to	<p>All Health Care Providers that are required to submit interventions and procedures for Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (CDS), Central Returns for secondary uses as well as a number of other data collections as defined in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.</p> <p>OPCS-4 is also used by NHS IT system suppliers to build/update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.</p> <p>Implementation of these updates therefore applies to NHS health care providers and their system suppliers.</p>
Link to documentation	<p>The controlled version of this Notification can be found on the HSCIC website: www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci0084</p> <p>The Summary of Changes will be published here once available and a link sent out to SCCI subscribers inviting comments.</p>
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