

# APC Assessment and Implementation

## A Partner of Choice

CGI is a leader in providing innovative business and technology solutions to the healthcare payer industry. Our clear vision and ability to deliver results has made CGI the partner of choice for many BlueCross BlueShield plans, commercial health insurance companies, government healthcare payers and Prescription Benefit Managers (PBMs). Solutions designed for healthcare payers include:

- CAS 5.0 software for comprehensive claims auditing and fraud and abuse detection
- Clinical and compliance auditing
- Prescription benefit claims auditing and analysis services
- Medicare Advantage and Part D services
- Advanced analytics
- Reimbursement consulting and pricing solutions
- Fraud investigation services including special investigative unit outsourcing and co-sourcing
- SIU training and compliance
- Complete IT services

## Achieving Financial Results with Successful OPPS Services

With the successful adoption of CMS' Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APC) methodology, many private payers are considering the adoption of an Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) similar to Medicare's APC System. An OPPS, such as an APC-based solution, controls outpatient costs, improves payment predictability and provides a method to measure and compare the cost effectiveness of providers.

CGI can help your plan create competitive advantages through the successful readiness assessment and implementation of an OPPS. We have extensive experience in the evaluation, design and implementation of APC prospective payment systems. Whether your plan is interested in an OPPS impact assessment or you've already made the decision to move forward with a complete implementation, CGI's level of expertise translates into an APC system that achieves financial results for your plan.

## Comprehensive Services and Capabilities

CGI has developed a comprehensive range of services—successfully employed at payers nationwide—to help your plan assess, develop and implement an OPPS.

### Assessment Services

CGI consultants use a combination of established methodologies and automated analysis tools to assess the impact that APCs will have on your plan. CGI's suite of methodologies and tools has been developed from extensive experience in analyzing and implementing prospective payment systems.

CGI uses your plan's historical claims data to model Medicare's OPPS reimbursement for your utilization. This exercise alone furnishes your plan with knowledge on how well providers are coding for APCs, what your utilization will look like under APCs and how your payments compare to Medicare. In addition, CGI studies all areas within your health plan that will be affected by the new reimbursement methodology and makes recommendations to address the changes that need to be made within your information systems and departmental operations. CGI's areas of focus include:

- Data review
- Utilization analysis
- Provider analysis
- Departmental impact review
- Coding and billing analysis
- Financial analysis
- Information system review
- Management presentation of results

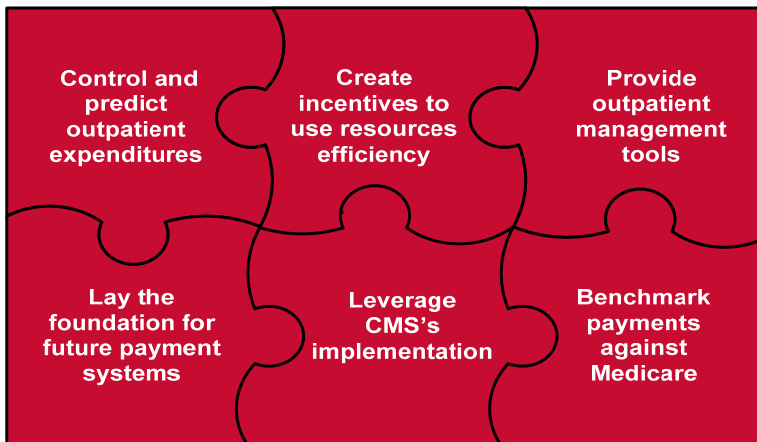
Based upon the assessment services, CGI generates critical profile information to determine what steps are required for a payer to implement a successful and robust APC system. The assessment furnishes the knowledge your plan needs to make a decision on whether to move to an APC methodology.

### ***Implementation Services***

CGI offers a full line of services designed to assist your plan in implementing an OPPS. From beginning to end, CGI provides the support your plan needs.

- Implementation planning
- APC system design, including rate development for excluded services
- APC weight and conversion factor development
- Policy direction and evaluation
- APC education to all levels of staff and the provider community
- APC grouping, editing and pricing software
- APC validation and code auditing assistance and auditing software modules

When it comes to assessing, developing and implementing an Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), it makes sense to work with a firm that has hands-on experience and proven approaches to achieve success.



At CGI, we have implemented prospective payment systems of all types for many years. As a result of this experience, we can work with your plan to conduct a high-level assessment of the potential impact of an APC implementation, and then turn that into a full-scale implementation plan if desired. Partnering with CGI to implement a robust APC system is your best solution to achieving valuable benefits.

### **About CGI**

Founded in 1976, CGI is one of the largest independent information technology and business process services firms in the world. CGI and its affiliated companies employ approximately 26,000 professionals. CGI provides end-to-end IT and business process services to clients worldwide from offices in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia Pacific as well as from centers of excellence in North America, Europe and India.

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