

## **June 2015: Outpatient Rates**

### **UBO Learning Center Training Submitted Questions June 10 & 12, 2015**

#### **1. Will there be additional training regarding the use of APC and ASC charges?**

At this time, DHA UBO does not have a webinar scheduled on using APC and ASC charges. DHA UBO Program Office has taken note of this request and will work on developing training material regarding APC and ASC charges to be included in a future webinar or as a stand-alone resource on the UBO website. Stay tuned to the DHA UBO Web site for more information.

#### **2. If a patient's date of service was in one calendar year and but the claim was filed in another calendar year, what rates are used?**

The rates you would use depend on the type of claim as well as whether the procedure code is still valid when the New Year transitions. Ensure that the effective rate is based on the date of service. A few things to remember:

- If a code becomes obsolete at the beginning of the Calendar Year, unfortunately you will not be able to bill for it because the code is no longer valid.
- If the obsolete code is replaced with a new code, unfortunately you will not be able to bill for it because the rate has yet to become effective. DHA UBO does not allow for 'back billing'.
- DHA UBO Outpatient rate cycles are generally effective between 1 July – June 30.

For MAC billing, a slight billing lag exists as opposed to inpatient and outpatient charges. MAC charges are the same charges for Outpatient, Inpatient and Pharmacy rates, but their effective rates depends on the date of service and the Federal Register published date.

If you have a particular question or situation which you would like help addressing, please e-mail the DHA UBO Helpdesk at [ubo.helpdesk@altarum.org](mailto:ubo.helpdesk@altarum.org).