

# HCAI Update

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## Changes to HCAI in 2012

HCAI is currently preparing to implement the second regulatory change outlined in the Financial Services Commission of Ontario's [HCAI July 2012 Guideline](#).

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, in response to the request for more data, changes will be made to the "Reimbursable Fees within the Minor Injury Guideline or Pre-Approved Framework" section of the OCF-21C and new rules will be enforced for the OCF-18 and OCF-21B.

The final preparatory stages for the implementation of HCAI Release 3.8 are underway. The rest of this bulletin contains the related information every Health Care Facility must be aware of in preparation for the upcoming change.

## Planned HCAI System Unavailability\*

Two separate system unavailability windows are planned for HCAI Release 3.8's implementation:

### 1. October 13 – 14, 2012\*

- The HCAI system will be unavailable from **12:01 a.m. (ET) October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and is expected to resume active status at **12:00 a.m. (ET) October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

### 2. October 31 – November 1, 2012\*

- The HCAI system will be unavailable from **5:01 p.m. (ET) October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012** and is expected to resume active status at **8:00 a.m. (ET) November 1, 2012**.

\*Every Health Care Facility must have all of its transactions successfully processed before the system is unavailable. As indicated in the HCAI July 2012 Guideline, new processing rules apply as of 8:00 a.m. (ET) November 1, 2012.

## November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – What's changing?

New rules will be enforced by HCAI for OCF submissions.

- Under the OCF-21C, Part 7: Reimbursable fees within the MIG or PAF:
  - A 'First Date of Service' field has been added, as well as a new 'Provider Reference' field in which at least one Provider reference is mandatory.
  - The 'Code Selection' screen will only allow selection of MIG and PAF codes.
- Under the OCF-18, Part 12 and OCF-21B: Reimbursable Goods and Services:
  - MIG and PAF codes will no longer be allowed.

## What do these changes mean to me?

Business processes need to be reviewed to ensure compliance.

### *Web Users...*

- Provider References must be included when submitting the OCF-21C and MIG and PAF codes may only be used on the OCF-23/21C.

### *PMS Users...*

- Practice Management Software (PMS) Vendors have been provided all the necessary information to implement the new Provider Reference requirement and ensure availability of the OCF-21C.
- If your Health Care Facility uses Practice Management Software to interact with HCAI, contact your PMS Vendor to learn more about their implementation plan.

### *DEC Users...*

- New versions of the OCFs must be used to comply with the new requirements. DEC Users may alternatively avoid a change in paper submission process by switching to the Web application.

## What's Next?

Over the next several weeks, more information will be provided, including a newsletter and eLearning video, describing the upcoming regulatory changes.

For links to current information about HCAI, click on the "[What's New?](#)" image at the top of the [Health Care Facility / Provider homepage](#) at the HCAInfo website.