
Program Memorandum

Intermediaries/Carriers

Department of Health and
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HEALTH CARE FINANCING
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SUBJECT: Processing of Medicare+Choice Encounter Data at the HCFA Data Center

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to inform the Medicare contractor community that the HCFA Data Center (HDC) will begin processing hospital inpatient encounter data beginning August 1, 2000 (this data is currently being processed by six selected fiscal intermediaries). In addition, the HDC will begin processing physician encounter claims beginning October 1, 2000, and it will start processing hospital outpatient data beginning January 1, 2001.

As an integral part of this process the HDC will be receiving a fiscal intermediary contractor identifier (80881) and a carrier contractor identifier (80882). The HDC entity identified by contractor number 80881 will be designated as the HDC encounter fiscal intermediary, and the entity identified by contractor number 80882 will be designated the HDC encounter carrier.

The *effective date* for this PM is May 30, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded June 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, contact Ed Lain at 410-786-0848.