## **Program Memorandum** Intermediaries/Carriers

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2789

## SUBJECT: Shared System Maintainer Hours for Resolution of Problems Detected During Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Transaction Release Testing

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides you with updated information regarding the hours reserved to correct problems in the January 2004 release. Transmittal AB-03-055, CR 2654 reserved hours for the October 2003 release. Hours will also be reserved in the January 2004 release of each shared system maintainer for HIPAA transaction programming to rectify identified problems. The CMS Maintenance Lead for each shared system will coordinate prioritization of current and future problems for correction by that shared system.

The effective and implementation dates of this PM are January 1, 2004.

This instruction is to be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2005.

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