
CMS Manual System

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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: All existing fields in CWF that have override capability will be replaced with a new functionality. The existing 1-byte override code indicator will be replaced with a new 4-byte field, enabling users to enter edit error code(s) to initiate programmatic bypass logic. Ten new bypass fields will be available for each claim, five for header and five for line Item application.

Once a claim that has been rejected with an applicable error and local research has determined that the edit does not apply, the edit error number would be inserted on the claim prior to resubmission. The edit would then be bypassed in the CWF system.

This instruction is to complete the analysis necessary for the new CWF Override code process as well as the analysis necessary to recognize four modifier fields on the Part B query record.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2005**

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: N/A

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

***III. FUNDING:**

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements

X	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

***Medicare contractors only**

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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SUBJECT: CWF Analysis to Process Claims Per the Renovated Override Code Processing (re: CR3190) and CWF Analysis to Review System Edits for Additional 2-byte Modifiers Added in CR3190. (Phase 2)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background

Over the recent years the Common Working File (CWF) has seen a trend of new requirements to bypass CWF edits resulting from CMS requests and legislative mandates. With increasing frequency, new edit errors are being added with unique bypass criteria. Currently, a one-byte override code is used to bypass a particular edit. Due to a limited amount of available space on the current claim structures, CWF will soon hit limits that will prohibit additional edits to be bypassed using the same technique. In addition, the user community is being inundated with new fields and values that must also be incorporated into their local systems. Phase One (CR 3190) of the override code renovation included the addition of new data fields to the CWF query record for the override process and the addition of two new modifier fields to the CWF Part B query record as well as an expansion of CWF history. Phase Three will consist of the coding to accept the new process for CWF overrides as well as modifications to CWF edits to recognize all four 2-byte modifier fields on the Part B query records.

Current Processing:

The current CWF system has override codes for over a dozen different edit types, such as HHPPS, SNF, PT/OT, DMERC, HMO, Hospice, MSP etc. The override code concept is currently used for all claim types. It is utilized in both header and detail line item bypasses, further complicating the meanings and consistencies between edit bypass fields. With each additional bypass, the level of complexity is also increased. If an override code is present, other information may or may not be required depending on the particular value. In addition, this one byte indicator in some cases has multiple values for controlling different edits using a single field. For example, the ED Override field has the following values:

- 1 – Previous A/B crossover reject was investigated. Bypass A/B crossover edit.
- 2 – Bypass Deceased UPIN edit.
- 3 – Bypass PT/OT edits.

The ED Override field does not allow both the PT/OT and the Deceased UPIN edits to be bypassed since only 1 value may be used.

New Approach:

All existing fields in CWF that have override capability will be replaced with a new functionality. The existing 1-byte override code indicator will be replaced with a new 4-byte field; enabling users to enter edit error code(s) to initiate programmatic bypass logic. New bypass fields will be available for each claim, 5 for header and 5 for each line Item application.

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B. Policy: Not Applicable. There is no specific Medicare Regulation tied to this CR.

C. Provider Education: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement
"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3320.1	CWF shall identify all CWF edits for the new override process	CWF
3320.2	CWF shall perform analysis to recognize four modifier fields on the Part B query record and the associated edits	CWF

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: January 1, 2005</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 3, 2005</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Brent Bowden (410) 786-8124</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Brent Bowden (410) 786-8124</p>	<p>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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