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CHANGE REQUEST 3397

SUBJECT: Scheduled Release for October Updates to Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This recurring update notification provides information to contractors about updates of the CMS Managed Modules for software programs and pricing/coding files.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: July 30, 2004
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2005

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

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

III. FUNDING: Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The managed module for software programs and pricing/coding files are updated quarterly. This instruction is informational only and has no systems impact.

B. Policy: N/A

C. Provider Education: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (place an "X" in the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
3397.1	FIs and RHHIs shall download the October quarterly update when the software and files become available (See Attachment 1 for scheduled release dates).	X	X	X		X				

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND 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*: July 30, 2004</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 3, 2005</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Antoinette Johnson ajohnson2@cms.hhs.gov Bill Ruiz Wruiz@cms.hhs.gov</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</p>	<p>Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.</p>
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Attachment

Attachment 1

TITLE OF SOFTWARE/ FILES	SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE
Inpatient PRICER	7/30/04	Annual update.
IRF PRICER	7/30/04	Annual update.
LTCH PRICER	7/30/04	Semi-annual rate update.
OPPS PRICER	7/30/04	Quarterly updates to APC rates, wage indexes and new logic.
HHA PRICER	**	Annual update.
ASC PRICER	7/30/04	Annual update.
SNF PRICER	7/30/04	Annual update.
Hospice PRICER	7/30/04	Annual update.
MMA Drug Pricing File PRICER	**	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.
OPPS OCE	7/30/04	Quarterly changes to CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.
Non-OPPS OCE	7/30/04	Quarterly changes to codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.
Inpatient GROUPER	7/30/04	Annual update of ICD-9-CM coding and DRGs.
MCE	7/30/04	Annual update of inpatient edits.
Zip Code File	8/20/04	Quarterly update of zip codes for ambulance reporting.
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	**	Quarterly update to table.
MPFSDB	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increases to fee schedule.

TITLE OF SOFTWARE/ FILES	SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF)	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increases to fee schedule.
Hospice File for RHHIs	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increases to fee schedule.
Mammo- graphy Benefit Pricing File	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increases to fee schedule.
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	*	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	8/5/04 (DMERCs) 8/12/04 (FIs)	Quarterly update to fee schedule.
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	**	Update per The Medicare Prescription, Drug and Modernization Act (MMA).
SNF Abstract of the MPFSDB	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increase to fees schedule.
HCPCS	10/23/04	Annual update of HCPCS codes.
Railroad Board File	8/6/04	Quarterly Update to fee schedule
Supplemental File (Therapy/ CORF)	8/6/04	Quarterly rate increase to fee schedule.

* If there is an update, you will be notified in a separate One-Time Notification.

**There are no updates for these pricing/coding files for October.

Note: All dates on the above table are for 2004.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. The Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify you via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software to you.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. You will be notified in future One-Time Notifications of when the pricing/coding files will be available.

Acronyms:

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
HHA – Home Health Agency
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
MCE – Medicare Code Editor
MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
NWI – New Wage Indexes
OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities