CMS Manual System

Pub. 100-01 Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement

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CHANGE REQUEST 3123

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: To provide information in the manual that Medicare contractors will be receiving subsequent quarterly updates of the CMS Managed Modules for software programs and pricing/coding files.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2004
                                   ***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 8, 2004**

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

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N	1/80 – CMS Managed Modules for Software and Pricing/Coding Files

*III. FUNDING:

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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

*Medicare contractors only

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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

I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   Background: The managed module for software programs and pricing/coding
files are updated quarterly. It 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 #	Requirements	Responsibility
3123	Medicare contractors shall download the April quarterly update when the software and file become available (See the attachment for scheduled release dates).	SSMs, FIs, DMERC, and local carrier

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

Effective Date: February 6, 2004 **Implementation Date: March 8, 2004** **Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Joe Bryson at jbryson2@cms.hhs.gov** **Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office**	**These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.**

Attachment

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TITLE OF SOFTWARE/ FILES	SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE
Inpatient PRICER	3/8/04	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization (MMA) Update.
IRF PRICER	**	Annual update.
LTCH PRICER	**	DRG update.
OPPS PRICER	3/8/04	Updates to APC rates.
HHA PRICER	2/1/04	Updates HH episode and per visit rates, and creates 5% rural add-on. Both changes required by legislation.
ASC PRICER	*	Changes to HCPCS codes and wage index.
SNF PRICER	**	Annual rate increases and NWI due to legislative mandate.
Hospice PRICER	**	Annual rate increases and NWI due to legislative mandate.
MMA Drug Pricing File PRICER	*	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.
OPPS OCE	3/8/04	Changes to CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.
Non-OPPS OCE	3/8/04	Changes to codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.
Inpatient GROUPER	**	Annual update of ICD-9-CM coding and DRGs.
MCE	**	Annual update of inpatient edits.
Zip Code File	2/15/04	Quarterly update of Zip Codes for ambulance reporting.
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	**	Annual update to table.
MPFSDB	2/11/04	Quarterly rate increase to fee schedule.
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF/CAH)	2/11/04	Quarterly updates to fee schedule.
Hospice File for RHHIs	**	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.

TITLE OF SOFTWARE/ FILES	SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE
Mammo-graphy Benefit Pricing File	Early February	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	**	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	Carrier- 2/12/04 FI- 2/19/04	Quarterly update to fee schedule.
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	**	Annual update.
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	Early February	Quarterly update of the technical component of those HPCS codes for which payment may be made to a SNF under Part B.
HCPCS	**	Annual update of HCPCS codes.
Supplemental	2/9/04	Quarterly update.

 * 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 April.
***Update depends on completion of regulation.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. 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 the future via 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

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The CMS Managed Modules contains scheduled release dates for software programs and pricing/coding files.

Medicare contractors will be receiving subsequent quarterly updates of the CMS Managed Modules via a Recurring Update Notification.