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# CMS Manual System

## Pub. 100-20 One-Time Notification

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CHANGE REQUEST 2974

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Change of Medicare Part A Plan under contract to BCBSA and change of Part B carrier in the State of Rhode Island from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island to Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2004

**\*IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** February 1, 2004

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged.*

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)**

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

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

**\*III. FUNDING:**

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

	<b>Business Requirements</b>
	<b>Manual Instruction</b>
	<b>Confidential Requirements</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>One-Time Notification</b>
	<b>Recurring Update Notification</b>

**\*Medicare contractors only**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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**SUBJECT: Change of Medicare Part A Plan under contract with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) and change of Part B carrier in the State of Rhode Island from BC/BS of Rhode Island to Arkansas BC/BS.**

## **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A. Background:**

BC/BS of Rhode Island is not renewing its Medicare contracts and will no longer serve as the Part A Plan under contract with BCBSA or as a Part B carrier. Arkansas BC/BS will become the Part A Plan and Part B contractor for the State of Rhode Island effective February 1, 2004. There will be a separate Part A intermediary number and a separate Part B carrier number for reporting the Rhode Island workload. CWF software changes and changes to the CROWD, PULSE, and PECOS systems are needed to reflect the new contractor numbers.

The numbers are as follows: Arkansas BC/BS-Rhode Island **Part A: 00021**; Arkansas BC/BS-Rhode Island **Part B: 00524**.

### **B. Policy: N/A**

### **C. Provider Education:**

Both BC/BS Rhode Island and Arkansas BC/BS will inform Rhode Island providers about the change in Medicare contractor by posting transition information on their Web sites, contacting professional societies, mailing notification, and conducting provider training workshops throughout the state. However, the change in carrier and intermediary number in order to internally identify Arkansas BC/BS's Rhode Island operation requires no provider education.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
2974.1	CWF shall be modified to reflect the new contractor numbers for Rhode Island.	CMS
2974.2	CROWD shall be modified to reflect the new contractor numbers for Rhode Island.	CMS
2974.3	PULSE shall be modified to reflect the new contractor numbers for Rhode Island	CMS
2974.4	PECOS shall be modified to reflect the new contractor numbers for Rhode Island	CMS

## 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:

The Rhode Island Part A and Part B workload shall be reported using new carrier and intermediary numbers effective February 1, 2004.

### E. Dependencies: N/A

### F. Testing Considerations: N/A

## IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<b>Effective Date: February 1, 2004</b> <b>Implementation Date: February 1, 2004</b> <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): John Amrhein</b> <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s): John Amrhein</b>	<b>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</b>
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