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# CMS Manual System

## Pub. 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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CHANGE REQUEST 3148

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this instruction is to provide Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) and VMS with additional instructions for processing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant claims in the NCPDP format. The information in this instruction supplements the information distributed in CR 3141.

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

**\*IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 2004**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:**  
(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: DMERCs and VIPS, Processing NDC Numbers – Clarification to CR 3141**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this instruction is to provide Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) and VMS with additional instructions for processing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant claims in the NCPDP format. The information in this instruction supplements the information distributed in CR 3141. This information applies to DMERCs and VIPS.

### A. Background:

With the implementation of HIPAA, DMERCs now receive many NDCs for drugs.

### B. Policy

DMERCs and VMS shall receive a new update of the NDC crosswalk file in April and monthly updates thereafter.

- NDC codes that have been deactivated on the NDC crosswalk, shall be rejected beginning immediately.
- VMS shall load the NDC crosswalk file.
- SADMERC, VMS and DMERCs shall work together to incorporate ICD-9 codes into the NDC crosswalk if appropriate.

### C. Provider Education: None.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3148.1	SADMERC, VMS, and DMERCs shall begin discussions to add an ICD-9 indicator if appropriate to the NDC crosswalk file.	SADMERC, VMS and DMERCs

## III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

**A. Other Instructions:**

<b>X-Ref Requirement #</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
	N/A

**B. Design Considerations:**

<b>X-Ref Requirement #</b>	<b>Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements</b>
	N/A

**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**

<b>Effective Date: July 1, 2004</b> <b>Implementation Date: July 6, 2004</b> <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Angie Costello at <a href="mailto:acostello@cms.hhs.gov">acostello@cms.hhs.gov</a>.</b> <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</b>	<b>These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.</b>
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