
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Shared System Maintainer Hours for Resolution of Problems Detected During Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Transaction Release Testing

October 16, 2003, is rapidly approaching. Hours will be reserved in the July 2003 and October 2003 releases of each shared system maintainer for HIPAA transaction programming to rectify identified problems, allow submitter testing to be expanded, and enable successful use of the affected transactions in production. The CMS Maintenance Lead for each shared system will coordinate prioritization of current and future problems for correction by that shared system. HPBSS carriers continue to be waived from HIPAA transaction implementation and provider testing pending their conversion to the MCS shared system.

The *effective dates* of this PM are July 1, 2003.

The *implementation dates* of this PM are July 1, 2003.

This instruction is to be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Simmons on 410-786-6157, e-mail: KSimmons@cms.hhs.gov, or your CMS Shared System Maintenance Lead.