

# Program Memorandum Carriers

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Human Services (DHHS)  
Centers for Medicare &  
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## CHANGE REQUEST 2656

**SUBJECT: Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process (CIP) Files in the VIPS Medicare System (VMS). Phase 1 – Beneficiary History File Expansion**

The following table lists the Change Requests (CR) that make up the entire Beneficiary History and CIP File expansion: (The highlighted row indicates the current CR).

CR Number	Change Request Description
2656	Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process Files in VIPS Medicare System (VMS). Phase 1 – Beneficiary History File Expansion
Pending 2666	Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process Files in VIPS Medicare System (VMS). Phase 2 – Claims In Process File Expansion (pre-adjudication)
Pending 2668	Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process Files in VIPS Medicare System (VMS). Phase 3 – Claims In Process File Expansion (post-adjudication)

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Background:

The VMS system maintainer has reported that the space available to add data to the Beneficiary History File and Claims In Process (CIP) File has reached the system limitation. Any future CMS mandate that would require storing new data on Beneficiary History or CIP could not be implemented until the expansion of these files are completed. This CR is one of a three-phase implementation to complete the associated changes necessary to the VMS system. Phase one will encompass the analysis, design, coding, testing, and implementation of expanding the Beneficiary History File.

#### B. Policy:

Not Applicable. There is no specific Medicare regulations tied to this CR.

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
01	The VMS maintainer must expand the Beneficiary History File to allow CMS the ability to add new data elements to be stored on the Beneficiary History File.	VMS SSM

### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations:**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
01	Design should allow flexibility to support future CMS mandates that require changes to store claims related data.

**C. Interfaces:** N/A**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact:** N/A**E. Dependencies:**

In order for CMS to obtain the full capability of this CR, CRs 2666 - Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process (CIP) Files in the VIPS Medicare System (VMS) Phase 2 – Claims In Process File Expansion (pre-adjudication) and CR 2668 – Expansion of Beneficiary History and Claims In Process (CIP) Files in the VIPS Medicare System (VMS), and Phase 3 – Claims In Process File Expansion (post-adjudication) must also be completed.

**F. Testing Considerations:** N/A**IV. ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

Version: Implementation Date: October 1, 2003 Discard Date: October 1, 2004 Post-Implementation Contact: Whitney Korangkool (410) 786-0551	Effective Date: October 1, 2003 Funding: <b>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</b> Pre-Implementation Contact: Whitney Korangkool (410) 786-0551
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