Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: DMERCs – NCPDP Crosswalk Requirements

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: HIPAA requires DMERCs to accept claims from a retail pharmacy in the NCPDP format utilizing National Drug Codes (NDCs).   In order to fulfill the requirement, the SADMERC produced an NDC-to-HCPCS crosswalk for payment purposes and will produce quarterly updates to the file. The SADMERC will produce the file in mainframe format and Microsoft® Excel® format.

B. Policy: VIPS must load to the standard system the quarterly updates of the NDC-to-HCPCS crosswalk for use by the DMERCs. **NOTE:** This is a full file overlay. VIPS will upload the file.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
1	VIPS must load to the Standard System the <u>updated</u> NDC-to-HCPCS crosswalk <u>codes</u> each calendar quarter. **NOTE:** This is a full file overlay. VIPS will upload the overlay file.	VIPS
2.	VIPS and the SADMERC must coordinate the file format layout.	VIPS & SADMERC

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A.   Other Instructions: None

B.   Design Considerations: None

C. Interfaces: None

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: None

E. Dependencies: None

F. Testing Considerations: None

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IV. ATTACHMENT(S): None

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