
CMS Manual System

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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: For Non-Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP) Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Types, the "Send to CWF" indicator is automatically set to an "N" (no) when minimum HUSP fields are not present and there is not complete attorney or insurer name, address information, diagnosis, and date of loss. An error was discovered during testing where this switch is incorrectly set to a "N" if either the attorney or the insurer is present on the record. Both entities are not required on the Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) non-Group Health Plan (GHP) transaction. Direction is given to contractors on how to work around this problem until the January 2004 release. The CMS is also taking steps to insure that the COB database and CWF are in sync so that contractors receive the correct beneficiary address when using the screen-scraping feature of ECRS.

Medicare contractors and Regional Offices (RO) are to contact the Group Health Incorporated (GHI) helpdesk if they receive an error message or are experiencing a systems problem related to ECRS. For all other ECRS issues, Medicare contractors shall contact their Coordination of Benefit's Contractor (COBC) consortia representative. If no response is received, they shall contact their RO MSP Coordinator. If the ROs receive no response from the COBC, they shall contact Danielle Barbour at 410-786-6468.

Currently ECRS allows the lead contractor and ROs to reassign the lead in all non-EGHP cases where change of venue is not applicable. Change in venue only occurs in workers' compensation cases. The ECRS logic will be changed to only allow lead contractor reassignment in workers' compensation cases. This change will be effective upon implementation of this instruction.

When submitting cases a lead change request, contractors, and ROs will receive a reason "90"- Unauthorized CV request for this MSP type. Contact your RO. The ROs are to contact Danielle Barbour at 410-786-6468.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 2003

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: November 7, 2003**

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

II. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES (R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

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

III. FUNDING: *Medicare contractors only:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

X	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification

To download the Filename R3MSP1.pdf associated with this instruction, click [here](#).