Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 1861

SUBJECT: New Zip Code File

The newest version of the zip code file will be available after October 15, 2001, for contractor downloading for use in processing ambulance claims and in jurisdictional pricing. The file name is <u>MU00.@AAA2390.ZIP.LOCALITY.V20021</u>. The release number for this file is 20021, release 1 of 2002.

This is the latest zip code file from the USPS as of October 2001. For zip codes that are newer than October 2001, and therefore, not included in this file, refer to Program Memorandum (PM) AB-00-88.

The *effective date* for this PM is January 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2002.

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