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SUBJECT: Clarification of Common Working File (CWF) Y2K Wrapper Logic Removal Changes (CR 1774)

Along with CWF's Y2K wrapper logic removal changes, CWF is expanding the employer name and address information on its MSP transactions. Standard systems need to be able to accept the expanded MSP transactions, but are not required to populate this expanded data in their internal systems until otherwise notified. It is acceptable for now to truncate the additional data to its current length. The standard system changes needed to accept and pass the expanded MSP employer name and address information throughout the systems will be made under a future change request.

The effective date for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2002.

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

This instruction should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2003.

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