
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 2334

SUBJECT: Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration (MCCD) Payment for Railroad Retirement Beneficiaries

SCOPE:

This Program Memorandum (PM) allows NHIC, the only carrier paying demonstration claims, to process MCCD claims for Medicare beneficiaries covered under Railroad Retirement.

BACKGROUND:

The MCCD was legislatively mandated. Demonstration sites began providing services in May 2002. There are currently 16 demonstration sites enrolling and providing coordinated care services to beneficiaries. Some sites have enrolled beneficiaries who are covered under the Railroad Retirement (RR) system. However, when the decision was made to have a single carrier, NHIC, process demonstration claims, the fact was overlooked that only, Palmetto processes claims for RR retirement beneficiaries. As a result, the demonstration carrier cannot process any demonstration claims for RR beneficiaries, and providers can only be paid manually through exception processes for these claims.

RELATED CHANGE REQUESTS (CRs):

1. CR 1116, Transmittal AB-00-71, Issued August 7, 2000
2. CR 1548, Transmittal AB-01-30, Issued February 2, 2001
3. CR 1750, Transmittal AB-01-93, Issued June 28, 2001

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bypass edits in CWF that prohibit NHIC from paying claims for RR beneficiaries if the claim is for a service covered under the MCCD. Carriers will be able to identify claims for the MCCD from the special processing number "37" that will be submitted on the claim form by the providers participating in the demonstration.
2. Process demonstration claims for RR beneficiaries in the same way as all other MCCD claims.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2003 operating budgets.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2007.

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