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	Change Request 13207

SUBJECT: Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to update the RARC and CARC lists and to instruct the ViPS Medicare System (VMS) and the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) to update the MREP and the PC Print. This Recurring Update Notification (RUN) applies to Chapter 22, Sections 40.5, 60.2, and 60.3 of Publication (Pub.) 100-04.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2023

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

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

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	<p>necessary programming changes so that no deactivated reason and remark code is reported in the remittance advice and no deactivated reason code is reported in the Coordination of Benefits (COB) claim by October 2023.</p> <p>NOTE: Check the updated lists as posted on the official ASC X12 website to capture deactivations that were included in previous CR(s). The official ASC X12 publishes lists for already deactivated codes and to be deactivated future codes.</p>									
13207.3.1	Contractors shall review the reason and remark codes, dated July 2023, for "Stop" dates for inclusion in the October 2023 update.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		CEDI
13207.4	Contractors shall update any crosswalk between the standard reason and remark codes and the shared system internal codes provided to the contractors and make any standard code deactivated since the last update unavailable for use by the contractors by October 2023.					X	X			CEDI
13207.5	<p>Contractors shall make necessary programming changes so that deactivated reason and remark codes are allowed in derivative messages after the deactivation implementation date per this CR or as posted on the official ASC X12 website when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare is not primary; • The COB claim is received after the deactivation effective date; and • The date in DTP03 in Loop 2430 or 2330B in COB 837 					X	X			CEDI

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	transaction is less than the deactivation effective date as posted on the official ASC X12 website.									
13207.6	Contractors shall make necessary programming changes so that deactivated reason and remark codes are allowed, even after the deactivation implementation date in a Reversal and Correction situation, when a value of 22 in CLP02 identifies the claim to be a corrected claim, and in Medicare Secondary Payer claims, when forwarded to Medicare by primary payers before the deactivation date and Medicare adjudication is done after deactivation date.					X	X			CEDI
13207.7	VMS shall update MREP software by October 2023. This update shall be based on the CARC and RARC lists as posted on the official ASC X12 website on or about July 2023.							X		
13207.8	FISS shall update the PC Print software by October 2023. This update shall be based on the CARC and RARC lists as posted on the official ASC X12 website on or about July 2023.					X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI	
		A	B	HHH			
13207.9	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall	X	X	X	X	X	

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
	follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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