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Change Request 3865

SUBJECT: 2005 Scheduled Release for July Updates to Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This recurring update notification provides information to contractors about updates of the CMS Managed Modules for July 2005 software programs and pricing/coding files.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :
EFFECTIVE DATE : June 27, 2005
IMPLEMENTATION DATE : June 27, 2005

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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	

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   Background: The managed module for software programs and pricing/coding files is updated quarterly. It is informational only and has no systems impact.

B.   Policy: N/A

II.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement
"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
3865.1	Medicare contractors should download the July update in accordance to the individual change request (CR) that is issued for a specific pricing/coding file.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

III.   PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	None.									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: June 27, 2005 **Implementation Date: June 27, 2005** **Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Joe Bryson at joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-2986 **Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Regional Office	**No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.**

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Title of software/ Pricing Files	Scheduled Release Date	Description of Update	Release Cycle
IPPS PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Semi-annual – (October and April)
IRF PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual - (October)
LTCH PRICER	May 6	Updates DRG rates.	Semi-annual – (July and October)
OPPS PRICER	May 9	Updates APC rates, wage indices and new logic. A second release will be sent on or around June 6th to update ASP data. The Jun 6th release date is dependent on the availability of ASP data and is therefore subject to change.	Quarterly
HHA PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual - (January)
ASC PRICER	May 6	Off-cycle release to update ASC codes.	Semi-annual – (October and January)
SNF PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual - (October)
Hospice PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
IPF PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
ESRD PRICER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
ASP Pricing File	June 16	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.	Quarterly

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OPPS OCE	May 6	Changes to CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.	Quarterly
Non-OPPS OCE	May 6	Changes to codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.	Quarterly
Inpatient GROUPER	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
MCE	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
Zip Code File	May 15	Update of zip codes for ambulance reporting.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	May 2	Update to the table (dependent on Final Rule).	Quarterly
MPFSDB	May 11	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF/CAH)	May 11	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Supplemental File (Therapy/ CORF)	May 11	Updates fee schedule services and their related prices.	Quarterly
Hospice File for RHHIs	May 11	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly

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Mammo-graphy Benefit Pricing File	May 11	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	May 11	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFS National Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Inter-pretations	May 11	Update to codes. Allows carriers to accept and process claims for purchased diagnostic tests/interpretations billed by suppliers regardless of location.	Quarterly
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	Carriers – May 5 FIs – 5/12	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
HCPCS	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Anesthesia File	no July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)

NOTE: All dates on the above table are for 2005.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify data centers via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. Contractors will be notified of the availability of pricing/coding files per future OTNs or RUNs.

Acronyms:

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASP – Average Sale Price
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
CAH – Critical Access Hospital
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
CY – Calendar Year
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
ESRD – End Stage Renal Disease
HHA – Home Health Agency
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IPF – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
MCE – Medicare Code Editor
MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
NWI – New Wage Indexes
OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OTN – One-Time Notification
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
RUN – Recurring Update Notification
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities