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SUBJECT: National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) Numbers Shortage for Walgreen TIN

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Currently, the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) numbers are generated by Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers. CMS has been informed by National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) that due to an acquisition of Rite Aide stores by Walgreen, NSC is in need of additional Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN). Please note that this CR is only addressing the shortage of Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) for Walgreen Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). In the future, a more comprehensive solution will be sought for all Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers. A future CR will be created.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2018

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 2, 2018

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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	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Currently, the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) numbers are generated by Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers. CMS has been informed by National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) that due to an acquisition of Rite Aide stores by Walgreen, National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) is in need of additional Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN). Please note that this CR is only addressing the shortage of Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) for Walgreens Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). In the future, a more comprehensive solution will be sought for all Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers. A future CR will be created.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DMEPOS	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H		F	M	V	C	
10594.1	<p>PECOS shall create an additional 6 digit base for Walgreens. This will keep the NSC number all numeric. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current 6 digit base for Walgreens = 111111 • Addition of 6 digit base for Walgreens = 222222 • Walgreens will then have two NSC Numbers that begin with 111111 and 222222 where the last four characters are also a numeric sequence. • This solution will only apply to Walgreens 								PECOS	

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		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The length of the PTAN will remain 10 digits The new 6-digit base will be unique to Walgreens and only Walgreens 									
10594.2	Other contractors shall accept and process the 6 digit base referenced in BR10594.1.				X					CEDI, Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor, IDR, NSC, PDAC, PECOS, QIC, RACs, REMAS, SMRC, UPICs, ZPICs

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

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