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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: CMS is instructing the PECOS contractor and ViPS to re-establish the prior automated process which was facilitated in PIMS into PECOS. Once the processes are coded in PECOS and VMS, VMS will be able to accept the new data alert code values at all four DME MAC Jurisdictions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: VMS, October 1, 2012 – Analysis and Design VMS, January 1, 2013 – Coding and Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: VMS, October 1, 2012 – Analysis and Design VMS, January 7, 2013 – Coding and Implementation

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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:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers: Not Applicable.

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:

One-Time Notification

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

Attachment – One-Time Notification

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A. Background: Effective October 1, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) transitioned the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) supplier enrollment system, the Provider Information Management System (PIMS), into the PECOS. The conversion of the NSC PIMS files to PECOS required the alteration of some file data transmissions between the DME MAC Jurisdictions, VMS and PIMS – now PECOS. One such data transmission involved the updating of payment suspension alert codes and related data such as begin and end dates in VMS at all four DME jurisdictions. This was previously accomplished by the individual jurisdictions submitting a payment suspension alert code file to the NSC, the NSC combining the four files into PIMS and re-transmitting the payment suspension data back to VMS at all four DME MAC jurisdictions. While a manual workaround has been implemented, this still leaves Medicare vulnerable to erroneous payments if the VMS claims systems are not updated timely and properly.

B. Policy: To remove this vulnerability, CMS is instructing the PECOS contractor and VMS to re-establish the prior automated process which was facilitated in PIMS into PECOS. Once the processes are coded in PECOS, VMS must be able to accept the new data alert code values file layout.

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7424.1	The ZPIC shall enter VMS and apply appropriate								Х		PECOS
	payment suspension code(s) (A or L) at the DME MAC										ZPICs
	Jurisdiction level.										
7424.2	The EDC shall begin submitting daily files (one file from										PECOS
	each of the 4 Jurisdictions) to the PECOS containing										EDC
	updated payment suspension alert code data. The										
	necessary data elements (file layout) and method of										
	transmission will be determined during weekly early										
	intervention calls (EIC) that will be scheduled by										
	CMS/CPI/PEOG.										

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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7424.3	The PECOS shall combine the 4 daily files and update the affected enrollment records appropriately for transmission back to all 4 Jurisdictions.							Χ		PECOS EDC
7424.4	The PECOS shall trigger any enrollment record with updated payment suspension alert codes or other related data such as begin or end dates to VMS daily.							Х		PECOS
7424.4.1	The PECOS shall add the payment alert code data (Payment suspension alert code, begin date and end date) to the PDAC extract file.									PECOS PDAC
7424.5	The PECOS shall generate a daily report of alerts transmitted and rejected. Along with listing the Alerts received from the ZPICs, Alerts rejected by PECOS and Alerts Ended to Resume Claims Payment, they will also contain the Supplier PTAN, Payment Suspension Code of A or L, Begin Date, End Date, and the Originating Jurisdiction (A, B, C, D, N).							X		PECOS
7424.6	The ZPICs shall review the alerts for resolution and resubmission.									ZPIC
7424.7	The CMS/CPI/PEOG shall establish weekly one hour EICs for a sufficient duration (6 to 10 weeks) to accomplish the above business requirements. These calls will include representatives from VMS, CMS, PDAC, STC, EDC, the DME MACs and the ZPICs.		X					X		PECOS PDAC STC ZPIC EDC
7224.8	The VMS shall participate in all UAT testing associated with this CR to receive and verify test data during the UAT testing time frame.							Х		PECOS

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
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	None.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Michael Collett, OFM/DPSE, (410)786-6121

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

VI. FUNDING

Section A: For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers and Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs):

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