CMS Manual System	Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)		
Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)		
Transmittal 1129	Date: October 12, 2012		
	Change Request 8022		

SUBJECT: Elimination of the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Off Quarter User Releases

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this change request (CR) is to direct the FISS Shared System Maintainer to eliminate separate off quarter user releases and combine the user CRs along with CMS CRs on the regular quarterly releases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2013 (This is to begin with the October User (U) release (which would have been scheduled for production implementation on 12/03/12). Beginning with the January 2013 release, the User CRs (which were to be scheduled under October U) will now be included in the January 2013 quarterly release.) IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 7, 2013

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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):

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor's activities are to be carried out with their operating budgets.

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 obliged 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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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: In late 2003 the FISS Maintainer started shipping to datacenters User Change Requests (CR) on off quarter user releases (UF as suffix identifier in the release number). These releases were separate from the Quarterly CMS CR releases. These UF releases were usually installed into production two months after the recent CMS Quarterly Release went to production.

CMS and Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Maintainer now agree to ship User CRs along with CMS CRs starting with the January 2013 release together on one release. There will no longer be off quarter UF releases. This would begin with shipping the January 2013 release to the Single Testing Contractor (STC) for STC testing on 11/08/12 and then to User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on 12/06/12, with the production install date for 01/07/13.

User CRs as well as CMS CRs will be tested by the STC during BETA test time. Medicare Administrative Contactors (MACs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs) will test the release in accordance with Pub. 100-01, Chapter 7, section 40.3.5.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
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8022.1	The SSM shall, include User CRs with the January											Desk
	2013, quarterly release.											proce
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8022.2	The A/B MAC Part A and FI shall now, with the January 2013 quarterly release, test CMS CRs along with User CRs.	X			X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
			AC AC P a r t B	D M E M A C	FI	C A R I E R	R H H I	Other	
	None								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

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