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Transmittal 1486	Date: April 10, 2015				
	Change Request 9154				

SUBJECT: Increasing Tax Withholding to 30% for IRS Federal Payment Levy Program (FPLP)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to instruct the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS) system maintainer to make necessary programming changes to increase the tax withhold percentage from 15 percent to 30 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 19, 2015

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: June 19, 2015

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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):

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

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: In July 2000, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in conjunction with the Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS), started the Federal Payment Levy Program (FPLP) which is authorized by Internal Revenue Code Section 6331 (h), as prescribed by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 Section 1024. Through this program, authority is provided to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to collect overdue taxes through a levy on certain federal payments; this includes federal payments made to providers, contractors and vendors doing business with the government. Consistent with this authority, CMS introduced Change Request (CR) 6125 in October of 2008, which reduced federal payments subjected to the levy by the required 15 percent, or the exact amount of the tax owed if it is less than 15 percent of the payment.

In December 2014, the Internal Revenue Code Section 6331 (h) was amended by the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 Section 209 (a), which mandated an increase to the tax levy to 30 percent. The levy is continuous until the overdue taxes are paid in full, or other arrangements are made to satisfy the debt. This business requirement only applies to the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS) system maintainer.

B. Policy: The purpose of this CR is to instruct the HIGLAS system maintainer to make necessary programming changes to increase the tax withhold percentage from 15 percent to 30 percent.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
			A/B MAC		MAC M					tem		Other
		A	В	H H H	E M A C	F	M C S		С			
9154.1	The HIGLAS system maintainer shall make necessary programming changes to increase the tax withhold percentage from 15 percent to 30 percent.									HIGLAS		
9154.1.1	The HIGLAS system maintainer shall ensure testing be coordinated with the US Treasury so that the 30 percent is effective as of the implementation date.									HIGLAS		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement		Responsibility					
				C	D M E	C E D		
		A	В	H H H	M A C	Ι		
9154.2	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare		X	X				

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

[&]quot;Should" denotes a recommendation.

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).

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