

CMS Manual System	Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Transmittal 1557	Date: November 5, 2015
	Change Request 9376

SUBJECT: System Specific Enhancement 2015: Archive Competitive Bidding Demonstration Logic in ViPS Medicare System (VMS)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting that the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Shared System Maintainer (SSM) remove and archive system logic associated with the Competitive Bidding Demonstration program that ended in 2002 to enhance processing time and eliminate unnecessary support for future changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2016

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 4, 2016

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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

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: CMS requests that the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) SSM remove and archive any remaining system logic that was associated with the original Competitive Bidding Demonstration program which ended in 2002.

B. Policy: Removing logic and data from VMS that is no longer needed will enhance the processing time and remove the need to support unnecessary code in any future changes.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
9376.1	The contractor shall participate in up to two (2) one hour calls with CMS to review and clarify any outstanding questions.								X		
9376.1.1	The contractor shall record and present a summary of the meetings and create and maintain an issues log.								X		
9376.2	The contractor shall remove and archive the remaining Competitive Bidding Demonstration logic from VMS.								X		CERT, IDR
9376.3	The contractor shall create conversions to remove the Competitive Bid Demonstration provider, zip code and CBA data for CBAs M1, M2, N1, and N2, and remove the obsolete provider Clinical Cross-Reference data.								X		CERT, IDR

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility		
		A/B MAC	D M E	C E D

		A	B	H H H	M A C	I
	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:

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Emma Battista, 410-786-0374 or emma.battista@cm.hhs.gov.

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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