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	Change Request 6507

SUBJECT: VMS Modifications to Implement the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) System, Part III, NCPDP 5.1 Implementation

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change request prescribes the requirements for the system changes necessary to prepare for the implementation of NCPDP 5.1.

New / Revised Material
Effective Date: 10/05/2009
Implementation Date: October 5, 2009 for VMS system changes and January 4, 2010 for VMS CEDI Support.

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:
SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):
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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:** Change Request (CR) 5755, Pub. 100-04, Transmittal 1402 requested a system analysis from ViPS, the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC) shared system maintainer, regarding the system changes that would be required in order to remove or disable certain functionality of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) front end system in preparation for the implementation of the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) System, a common EDI front end developed to support the DME MACs. As a result of that analysis, this CR prescribes the requirements for the system changes necessary to prepare for the implementation of the DME MAC CEDI front end system. This instruction does not affect fiscal intermediaries, carriers, RHHIs, MCS, and FISS.

A.   **Background:** Prior to the Durable Medical Equipment Common Electronic Data Interchange (DME CEDI) initiative, front-end EDI processing for DME claims occurred in four separate systems at each DME MAC. Since each system was owned and developed by separate entities, variations existed in the way individual front-end systems processed claims and in the results they produced. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with National Government Services, Inc. to implement the DME CEDI front-end system to promote standardization and greater efficiencies in inbound and outbound EDI exchange.

The CEDI front-end system provides a single front-end solution for the submission and retrieval of electronic transactions. Trading Partners submit X12 837 claims and 276 Claim Status Inquiry transactions to CEDI. CEDI performs all front-end edits on these transactions, assigns the Claim Control Number (CCN) to claims accepted by CEDI, and creates the flat files for delivery to the appropriate DME MAC. X12 837 claims accepted by CEDI are delivered to the appropriate DME MAC based on the beneficiary state code and 276 files are delivered based on the contractor code in the header record of the file. CEDI returns all electronic front-end reports as well as the X12 835 Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA), 277 Claims Status Response and all Front-End reports to the Trading Partner's CEDI mailbox.

NCPDP claims are received by CEDI but currently are not edited or translated. Instead, CEDI passes these claims to the DME MACs where the VMS editing and translation is performed. For NCPDP claims, CEDI has begun implementation of the processes to perform front-end edits, assign the CCN to accepted claims, create flat files for delivery to the appropriate DME MAC based on the beneficiary state code, and return all CEDI produced front-end reports to the Trading Partner.

The business requirements associated with this change request will be effective on **October 5, 2009** regardless of the date of service or date of receipt of the claim.

B.   **Policy: N/A**

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
							Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
6507.1	VMS shall disable all levels of pre-pass editing associated with the NCPDP 5.1 version claim that are submitted in the NCPDP flat file format. This includes Implementation Guide (IG)/syntax, CMS companion guide and Medicare "return as unprocessable" edits on the date defined by CMS.								X		
6507.2	VMS shall create a process that will disable the current VMS misdirected claims logic for NCPDP claims on the date defined by CMS.								X		
6507.3	VMS shall create a process that will discontinue the existing CCN generation process for NCPDP claims on the date defined by CMS.								X		
6507.4	VMS shall support the CCN assignment by the CEDI for NCPDP claims as follows: CYYJJJBBBBSS000 C= Century, YY = Year, JJJ = Julian, BBBB = Batch Number (0000–9999), SS = Sequence Number, '000' For Internal Use by SSM.								X		
6507.5	The CEDI contractor shall submit the assigned CCN number in the NCPDP transaction header (T00) for NCPDP claims based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.										CEDI
6507.6	The CEDI contractor shall date stamp with the date that CEDI contractor received the claim and will present it on the NCPDP batch header (B00) in the NCPDP file.										CEDI
6507.7	VMS shall continue to be responsible for the creation of the NCPDP COBC flat files. The transmission of these files will be the responsibility of the Enterprise Data Center (EDC).								X		EDC
6507.8	VMS, the CEDI contractor and the DME MACs shall work together in order to develop a testing process/coordination effort that will ensure proper implementation/transition of all changes for production release based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.		X						X		CEDI
6507.9	VMS shall receive from the CEDI contractor the first and last Claim Control Number (CCN) assigned to all electronic claims included in one day's transmission.								X		CEDI
6507.10	VMS will work with the CEDI contractor on the validation of the NCPDP edits.								X		CEDI

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6507.11	The CEDI contractor will implement all NPI crosswalk editing based on EDI requirements and CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.										CEDI
6507.12	The CEDI and the EDC will establish a process to balance the receipt of claims between the parties based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.										CEDI EDC
6507.13	The CEDI will use specified VMS files necessary for pre-pass editing of the NCPDP claims based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.										CEDI
6507.14	VMS shall create a process that will disable the current VMS NCPDP response process on the date defined by CMS based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.									X	CEDI
6507.15	VMS shall create a process that will disable the current VMS NCPDP translator process on the date defined by CMS based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.									X	CEDI
6507.16	The CEDI and/or VMS will ensure that the suppliers that submit NCPDP claims are registered with the A5-Pharmacy specialty based on CEDI's December 2009 implementation date.									X	CEDI
6507.17	VMS shall participate in all conference call discussions related to CEDI, including STC and UAT testing coordination calls, new edit discussions, and the implementation of all edits at CEDI.									X	
6507.18	VMS shall provide additional support for the NCPDP edits effective January 1, 2010.									X	

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
6507.19	The DME MACs in Jurisdictions A, B, C and D shall inform providers/suppliers in the States of their respective Jurisdictions regarding the change to a common EDI front end system. The contractors shall post this information on their Web sites and include this information in listserv messages. Contractors are free to supplement this education with localized information that would benefit their supplier community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X									CEDI

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:
Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

B. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

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