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Provider Types Affected

Providers, physicians, suppliers, and qualified non-physician practitioners billing Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

Key Points

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- As part of the Remittance Advice (RA) Initiative, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed MREP software to enable physicians and suppliers to read and print the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) (also known as Transaction 835 or "the 835").
- MREP software uses the ERA file that is sent to providers by their carrier/DMERC in the HIPAA-compliant 835 format.
- Other electronic formats cannot be used and CMS plans to end the use of other formats soon.
- With the new MREP software, affected providers will be able to:
 - Navigate and view the ERA using their personal computer;
 - Search and find ERA/claims information easily;
 - Print the ERA in the Standard Paper Remittance Advices (SPR) format;
 - Print and export reports about ERAs including denied, adjusted, and deductible applied claims; and
 - Archive, restore, and delete imported ERAs.
- To use the MREP software, affected providers will need to receive a HIPAA-compliant ERA (HIPAA 835).

- MREP software will be revised three times per year to accommodate Claim Adjustment Reason and Remittance Advice Remark Code set changes.
- The affected providers can sign up to be notified automatically when a new version of MREP is available at their carrier's/DMERC's website.
- MREP software can save time resolving Medicare claim issues, and it provides features unavailable with the SPR.
- MREP is available to the affected providers **free-of-charge**, and further information on the software (including how to obtain a free copy) is available at their carrier's or DMERC's website.

Installing and Using MREP Software

To install and use the MREP software, the affected provider's computer system(s) must meet the following minimum criteria:

- IBM-compatible PC;
- Windows XP (recommended), Windows 2000, Windows NT, or Windows 98 SE;
- 2.0 GHz processor;
- 256 MB RAM;
- 3 MB hard disk space; and
- .NET Framework version 1.1 or higher.

More Information

- Medicare Part B Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Helpline phone numbers are available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/> on the CMS website.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0611.pdf>

Contractor toll-free numbers may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.