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### *Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Enhancements, and Clarification of Check Issue/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Effective Date*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), for services to Medicare beneficiaries

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 3, 2006.

#### Keeping MREP Up to Date

- This MREP update includes suggestions for enhancements received before the cut-off date of November 15, 2005.
- CR4289 includes a summary page attachment listing the MREP enhancements to be implemented in the MREP software release in July 2006.
- ViPs (the company that maintains the MREP software) will update the MREP software to incorporate the listed enhancements.
- Enhancement updates to be implemented in October 2006 will include suggestions/recommendations received between November 16, 2005, and the next cut-off date.
- Annual enhancement updates to MREP will be scheduled for each year in October.
- Everyone on the contractor listserv will be notified when the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) file is updated three times a year (April, August, December). This file is the master listing of CARC and RARC used in printing the glossary on the MREP printout.
- An update to the MREP application will be issued to correspond to the Washington Printing Company updates.
- Medicare Carriers will post a notification when these updates will be available.

- A MLN Matters article is usually published to explain the changes in these updates.

#### Clarification of the Check Issue/EFT Effective Date

- An issue was reported to contractors by providers receiving both electronic and paper Remittance Advice (RA):
  - The MREP software populates the "Check Issues/EFT Effective Date" from the BPR16 data field (in the 835 transaction).
  - The Standard Paper Remittance Advice uses the information contained in the "Production Date" from the DTM 02 data field (in the 835 transaction).
- These two dates are the same if the qualifier in the BPR 04 data field (in the 835 transaction) is either "CHK" or "NON."
- However, if the qualifier in BPR 04 data field is "ACH" (for electronic funds transfer), then the BPR 16 data field may be different from the "Production Date."
- This acknowledges the fact that it may take a few days to have the funds electronically transferred from the Medicare financial institution to the provider's financial institution.
- CMS requires that the paper RA must mirror the electronic RA, and any software reading the electronic RA must have the same information in the output as in the electronic RA.
- CR4289 repeats the instruction originally included in CR1953 (Transmittal B-01-76, dated December 11, 2001, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/Downloads/B0176.pdf>), which states that the information for Check Issue /EFT Effective Date must be populated from the BPR16 data field and not from the DTM 02 data field.

#### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4289.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R833CP.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/Downloads/B0176.pdf>

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