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## *VMS Modifications to Implement the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) System*

### *Key Words*

MM5755, CR5755, R1402CP, CEDI, VMS, Data Interchange

### *Provider Types Affected*

Suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

### *Key Points*

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is April 7, 2008.
- **MLN Matters article MM5755 is informational only for suppliers and suppliers need not make any changes to their claim submission processes.**
- Currently, front-end EDI processing for DME claims occurs in 4 separate systems. Two of these systems are operated by DME MACs and two are operated by data center services contractors under direct contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- The front-end EDI systems perform edits on incoming Medicare DME claims. It then forwards the output data (from transactions that pass edits) to the core of the ViPS Medicare Shared System claims processing environment. ViPS maintains the claim processing system used by the provider's DME MAC.
- Each of the 4 systems used for DME front-end transaction processing has been developed as a proprietary system. Logic specific to Medicare requirements was added to accommodate the Medicare claims transactions.
- Since each system is owned and developed by separate entities, variations exist in how individual front-end systems process claims and in the results they produce. This can create confusion for suppliers and beneficiaries.
- Therefore, CMS requested a system analysis from ViPS, regarding the system changes that would be required in order to remove or disable certain functionality of the current EDI front-end systems.

- Removing or disabling certain functionality of the EDI front-end systems would be in preparation for the implementation of the CEDI System, a common EDI front-end at the DME MACs.
- As a result of that analysis, Change Request (CR) 5755 provides the requirements for the system changes necessary to prepare for the implementation of the DME MAC CEDI front-end.

**Note:** CR5755 does not affect claims submitted to Medicare Carriers, Fiscal intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), or Part A/B MACs

### *Important Links*

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5755.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5755) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1402CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.