



News Flash – Each Office Visit is an Opportunity. Medicare patients give many reasons for not getting their annual flu vaccination, but the fact is that there are 36,000 flu-related deaths in the United States each year, on average. More than 90% of these deaths occur in people 65 years of age and older. Please talk with your Medicare patients about the importance of getting their annual flu vaccination. This Medicare-covered preventive service will protect them for the entire flu season. And remember, vaccination is important for health care workers too, who may spread the flu to high risk patients. **Don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect your patients. Protect your family. Protect yourself. Get Your Flu Vaccine - Not the Flu.** Remember – Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza vaccine and its administration, as well as related educational resources for health care professionals and their staff, please visit http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/Flu_Products.pdf and <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/Immunizations/index.html> on the CMS website.

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Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Enhancement

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers using the MREP Software supplied through Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)).

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What You Need to Know

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announces in CR 7178, the following list of enhancements to the MREP:

- The MREP Demo function has been updated to reflect current functionalities; and
- A report can be run now for Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Claims to distinguish the Medicare secondary payments from the primary payments.

If you use the MREP software, be sure to obtain the new version in January and install it to begin benefiting from these enhancements.

Background

CMS developed the free MREP software to enable providers/suppliers to read and print the HIPAA-compliant Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA), also known as Transaction 835. MREP was first implemented in October 2005, and MREP has been enhanced continuously based on requests/comments received from users. These enhancements are based on requests received either through the carriers, MACs, DME MACs or through the CMS MREP website.

Additional Information

You may want to review MM7218 (<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7218.pdf>), which alerted providers that effective July 1, 2001, the MREP software is modified to be compatible with Microsoft Windows 7, Vista, and XP operating systems.

The official instruction, CR 7178 issued to your carrier, A/B MAC, and DME/MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2064CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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