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In September 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the availability of a new electronic mailing list for those who refer Medicare beneficiaries for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). Referral agents play a critical role in providing information and services to Medicare beneficiaries. To ensure you give Medicare patients the most current DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program information, CMS strongly encourages you to review the information sent from this new electronic mailing list. In addition, please share the information you receive from the mailing list and the link to the ["mailing list for referral agents"](#) subscriber webpage with others who refer Medicare beneficiaries for DMEPOS. Thank you for signing up!

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## Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Annual Enhancement

### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs), and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8467 which informs Medicare contractors about the following annual changes to the Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) software. Those changes are:

- Revise the MREP remittance advice layout to remove the blank line after each set of Claim Line details and
- Revise the MREP remittance advice layout by adding the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Adjustment Amount (CARC-AMT) to the fields subtotaled for each claim.

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Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

## Background

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the MREP software to help providers to transition from paper to electronic format of the remittance advice. The Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) must be the standard format adopted under the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act (HIPAA). Currently the HIPAA adopted standard is the ASC X12 Transaction 835 version 005010A1. MREP users can view and print the ERA in humanly readable format and can send a hard copy remittance advice with their claims to payers after Medicare. Additionally, MREP users can run and download a number of special reports that have been added in response to enhancement requests from users. This software is available for free and has been updated on a yearly basis since its introduction in October 2005. CR8467 is instructing VIPs - the software developer - to update MREP based on requests received from users through the MACs and/or the CMS website.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8467 issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2795CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor 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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