

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Want to stay connected about the latest new and revised Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) products and services? Subscribe to the MLN Educational Products electronic mailing list! For more information about the MLN and how to register for this service, visit http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/MLNProducts_listserv.pdf and start receiving updates immediately!

MLN Matters® Number: MM8856

Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8856

Related CR Release Date: August 1, 2014

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Related CR Transmittal #: R14130TN

Implementation Date: January 5, 2015

Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Enhancement

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8856. Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) software was developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help providers to transition to Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) by offering to translate the ERA into a humanly readable format. CMS introduced the software in October 2005, and has continuously enhanced the software based on feedback from the end users.

CR8856 instructs the developer of the MREP software to update it based on enhancement requests received through the MACs and the CMS website. This software is available free of charge from the CMS website and now offers a number of special reports that users can

Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents. CPT only copyright 2013 American Medical Association.

view and download in addition to the remittance advice. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

CMS offers free software - Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) - to view and print HIPAA compliant ERA, transaction 835 - Health Care Claim Payment/Advice. The software gets enhanced on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of providers and suppliers to help them transition to ERA. The MACs will notify MREP users of the MREP enhancements once implementation is complete. A key change in this latest version of the software is an enhancement to correct paging issues when a long claim runs to another page and that subsequent page was missing headers.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8856 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1413OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents. CPT only copyright 2013 American Medical Association.