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**News Flash** – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the 2011 versions of the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS crosswalks, formally referred to as the General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs) at <http://www.cms.gov/ICD10> on the ICD-10 website. See the links on that page for 2011 ICD-10-CM and GEMs, and 2011 ICD-10-PCS and GEMs. In addition, CMS has also posted a document, “ICD-10 GEMs 2011 Version Update, Update Summary”. This document describes the number of comments CMS received, the type of changes recommended, the types of changes made based on the comments, the types of comments not accepted, and the reasons why some comments were not accepted.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 7306

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Related CR Transmittal #: R908OTN

Implementation Date: July 5, 2011, except October 3, 2011, for claims submitted to DME MACs

## Modifications to the Implementation of the Paperwork (PWK) Segment for X12N Version 5010

**Note:** This article was revised on June 23, 2011, to reflect a revised CR7306, which was issued on June 22. In this article, the effective and implementation dates have been revised for claims handled by DME MACs. Also, the CR release date, transmittal number and the Web address for accessing CR7306 have been revised. All other information is the same.

### Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare contractors (carriers, Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)).

### What You Need to Know

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7306, which instructs Medicare contractors about additional business requirements that are necessary to complete the implementation of the PWK segment scheduled for July 2011 (except October 2011 for DME MACs) under CR 7041. An article related to CR 7041 is available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7041.pdf> on the CMS website. Of significance to the provider community is a change whereby Medicare contractors will only return an incomplete/incorrect fax/mail cover sheet, when such is received. In CR 7041, the attached data was to be returned as well, but that is no longer the case. Also, note that CR 7306 requires your contractor to mask any Protected Health Information (PHI) on the fax/cover sheet returned to you.

In addition, the following changes will result from CR 7306:

- In PWK02, Medicare contractors will only use values BM and FX and will communicate that via the companion document. Other values will be accepted only in CMS-approved electronic claims attachment pilots based on agreements with willing trading partners.
- Medicare contractors will have the ability to accept the PWK02 value of EL for those contractors in a CMS-approved electronic claims attachment pilot.
- Contractors will allow seven calendar “waiting” days (from the date of receipt) for additional information to be submitted when the PWK02 value is EL.

Be sure your staffs are informed of this change.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR7306, issued to your FI, carrier, A/B MAC, and DME/MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R908OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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