



News Flash – The Medicare Learning Network® is now offering the “Understanding the Remittance Advice (RA) for Institutional Providers” Web-Based Training (WBT). This WBT is designed to educate all institutional providers who bill Medicare with general RA information. It includes instructions to help you interpret the RA received from Medicare and reconcile it against submitted claims. It also provides guidance on how to read Electronic Remittance Advices and Standard Paper Remittance Advices, as well as information on balancing an RA. This activity offers continuing education and is available from the MLN [at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/index.html) by scrolling to the bottom of the page and selecting Web-Based Training Modules from the Related Links Inside CMS section.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2011

Related CR Transmittal #: R8110TN

Implementation Date: July 5, 2011

Note: This article was revised on September 4, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. Previously, this article was revised on August 29, 2011, to add a reference to MLN Matters® article MM7466, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7466.pdf>, to alert MREP users to the MREP and PC Print User Guide update for version 5010A1. All other information is unchanged.

Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Enhancement

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

The MREP software is made available to Medicare providers who may want to use the software to print their electronic remittance advice records without having to purchase software on their own. The latest enhancement to the MREP software is that, effective July 1, 2011, the software is being modified to be compatible with Microsoft Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit), Vista (32 or 64 bit), and XP (32 or 64 bit)

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operating systems. If you wanted to use the MREP software, but have not done so because it was not compatible with your computer's operating system, this enhancement may make MREP a viable option for you.

Background

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently learned that the current version of MREP is not compatible with anything other than Microsoft XP (32 bit) operating system. Change Request (CR) 7218 will make the MREP software compatible with Microsoft Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit), Vista (32 or 64 bit), and XP (32 or 64 bit), operating systems. CMS expects that making the software compatible with multiple operating systems will make it more acceptable to users and providers/suppliers for printing their Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) records.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 7218 issued to your carrier or A/B MAC regarding this <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R8110TN.pdf> change may be viewed at on the CMS website.

To learn more about this software, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/CMS-Information-Technology/AccessToDataApplication/index.html> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B 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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