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**Subject: Modifications to the Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Common Working File (CWF) Logic**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Through this change request, CMS is modifying components of the COBA claims selection logic associated with the exclusion of adjustment claims. This modification will result in the creation of a new crossover disposition indicator.

**New / Revised Material**

**Effective Date: April 1, 2008**

**Implementation Date: April 7, 2008**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
R	27/80.14/ Consolidated Claims Crossover Process
R	27/80.15/ Claims Crossover Disposition Indicators

**III. FUNDING:**

**SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

**SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Business Requirements**

**Manual Instruction**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

# Attachment - Business Requirements

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Currently, the CWF system reads the COBA Insurance File (COIF) to determine which claim types or conditions each COBA trading partner wishes to have included or excluded from the national COBA crossover process. Effective with Transmittal 1006, change request (CR) 5094, CWF modified its logic for adjustment claims, monetary and adjustment claims, non-monetary to include a review of changes made to deductible, co-insurance, and claim reimbursement amounts while comparing the original claim to the replacement/adjustment claim. This logic has worked effectively in all instances where the claims featured deductible or co-insurance amounts that changed following an adjustment or if the claim reimbursement amount changed as the result of an adjustment action. The logic did not account for changes to the total billed amount on the claim and did not address an overarching adjustment exclusion solution. For purposes of this instruction “overarching adjustment claim logic” is defined as the logic that CWF will employ, independent of a specific review of claim monetary changes, when a COBA trading partner’s COIF specifies that it wishes to exclude all adjustment claims.

**B. Policy:** Effective with the implementation of this instruction, the CWF maintainer shall, in addition to reviewing each claim’s deductible, co-insurance, and claim reimbursement amount, include total billed charges within its logic for excluding adjustment claims, monetary (claims crossover disposition indicator H) and adjustment claims, non-monetary (claims crossover disposition indicator I). In addition, at CMS direction, the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC) will modify the COIF to include “all adjustments claims” as a new claims exclusion option (see Attachment A). The CWF shall modify its systematic logic to accept the new “all adjustment claims” exclusion option on the incoming COIF. For the COBA eligibility file-based crossover process, where CWF utilizes **both** the Beneficiary Other Insurance (BOI) auxiliary record and the COIF when determining whether it should include or exclude a claim for crossover, CWF shall apply the overarching adjustment claim logic as follows: 1) Verify that the incoming claim has an action code of 3 or entry code of 5 or, if the claim has an action or entry code of 1 (original claim), confirm whether it has an “A” claim header value, which designates adjustment claim for crossover purposes; 2) verify that the COIF contains a marked exclusion for “all adjustment claims.” If these conditions are met, CWF shall exclude the claim for crossover under the COBA eligibility file-based crossover process. Independent of the foregoing requirements, CWF shall continue to only select an adjustment claim for COBA crossover purposes if 1) it locates the matching original claim; and 2) it determines that the original claim was selected for crossover (logic for crossover indicator R).

Upon excluding the claim, CWF shall mark the claim as it is stored on the appropriate Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) claim detail history screen with a newly developed “AC” crossover disposition indicator, which designates that CWF excluded the claim because the COBA trading partner wished to exclude all adjustment claims. The CWF shall display the new “AC” disposition indicator within the “eligibility file-based crossover” segment of the HIMR detailed claim history screen.





#### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

##### A. Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

##### B. All other recommendations and supporting information:

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#### Attachments

**COBA INSURANCE FILE**

**ATTACHMENT A**

Field	Start	Length	End	Description
COBA ID	1	10	10	Unique identifier for each COB Agreement
COBA TIN	11	9	19	Tax Identification Number of COBA
COBA Name	20	32	51	Name of COBA Partner (Equivalent to Insurer Name on BOI Auxiliary File)
COBA Address 1	52	40	91	Address 1 of COBA
COBA Address 2	92	40	131	Address 2 of COBA
COBA City	132	25	156	Address city of COBA
COBA State	157	2	158	Postal State Abbreviation of COBA
COBA Zip	159	9	167	Zip plus 4 of COBA

**Common Claim Exclusions**

**The following fields are 1 byte indicators dictating type of claim exclusions. A value of 'Y' in any of the following fields indicates those types of claims should be excluded.**

Non-assigned	168	1	168	Non-assigned claims
Orig. Claims Paid at 100%	169	1	169	Original claims paid at 100%
Orig. Claims Paid at >100% of the submitted charges w/out deductible or co-ins.	170	1	170	Original claims paid at greater than 100% of the submitted charges without deductible or coinsurance remaining ( <b>NOTE:</b> Also covers the exclusion of ambulatory surgical center claims, even if deductible or co-insurance applies.)
100% Denied Claims, No Additional Liability	171	1	171	100% denied claims, with no additional beneficiary liability
100% Denied Claims, Additional Liability	172	1	172	100% denied claims, with additional beneficiary liability
Adjustment Claims, Monetary	173	1	173	Adjustments, monetary claims
Adjustment Claims, Non-Monetary/Statistical	174	1	174	Adjustments, non-monetary/statistical claims
MSP Claims	175	1	175	Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) claims.
Other Insurance	176	1	176	Claims if other insurance (such as Medigap, supplemental, TRICARE, or other) exists for beneficiary. <b>**Applies to State Medicaid Agencies only.**</b>
NCPDP Claims	177	1	177	National Council Prescription Drug Program Claims
Adjustment Claims Paid at 100%	178	1	178	Adjustment claims paid at 100%.
Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, No Additional Liability	179	1	179	Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, with no additional beneficiary liability
Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, Additional Liability	180	1	180	Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, with additional beneficiary liability
MSP Cost-Avoided Claims	181	1	181	MSP claims that have been cost-avoided.
Mass Adjustment Claim-MPFS	182	1	182	Mass adjustment claim tied to Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) updates.
Mass Adjustment Claim-Other	183	1	183	Mass adjustment claim-all other reasons besides MPFS updates.
<i>All Adjustment Claims</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>All Adjustment Claims (note: does not include credit only adjustments—"true voids"—for Part A)</i>
Filler	<i>185</i>	<i>3</i>	187	Future
Hospital Inpatient A	188	1	188	TOB 11 - Hospital: Inpatient Part A
Hospital Inpatient B	189	1	189	TOB 12 - Hospital: Inpatient Part B
Hospital Outpatient	190	1	190	TOB 13 - Hospital: Outpatient
Hospital Other B	191	1	191	TOB 14 - Hospital: Other Part B (Non-patient)
Hospital Swing	192	1	192	TOB 18 - Hospital: Swing Bed
SNF Inpatient A	193	1	193	TOB 21 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Inpatient Part A
SNF Inpatient B	194	1	194	TOB 22 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Inpatient Part B
SNF Outpatient	195	1	195	TOB 23 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Outpatient

SNF Other B	196	1	196	TOB 24 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Other Part B (Non-patient)
SNF Swing Bed	197	1	197	TOB 28 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Swing Bed
Home Health B	198	1	198	TOB 32 - Home Health: Part B Trust Fund
Home Health A	199	1	199	TOB 33 - Home Health: Part A Trust Fund
Home Health Outpatient	200	1	200	TOB 34 - Home Health: Outpatient
Religious Non-Med Hospital	201	1	201	TOB 41 - Christian Science/Religious Non-Medical Services (Hospital)
Clinic Rural Health	202	1	202	TOB 71 - Clinic: Rural Health
Clinic Freestanding Dialysis	203	1	203	TOB 72 - Clinic: Freestanding Dialysis
Clinic Fed Health Center	204	1	204	TOB 73 - Clinic: Federally Qualified Health Center
Clinic Outpatient Rehab	205	1	205	TOB 74 - Clinic: Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
Clinic CORF	206	1	206	TOB 75 - Clinic: Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF)
Clinic Comp Mental Health	207	1	207	TOB 76 - Clinic: Comprehensive Mental Health Clinic
Clinic Other	208	1	208	TOB 79 - Clinic: Other
SF Hospice Non-Hospital	209	1	209	TOB 81 - Special Facility: Hospice Non-Hospital
SF Hospice Hospital	210	1	210	TOB 82 - Special Facility: Hospice Special Facility: Hospice Hospital
Ambulatory Surgical Center	211	1	211	TOB 83 - Special Facility: Ambulatory Surgical Center
Primary Care Hospital	212	1	212	TOB 85 - Primary Care Hospital

**Claim Header Level Exclusions**

**The following fields are 1 byte indicators dictating type of claim exclusions. A value of 'Y' in any of the following fields indicates those types of claims should be excluded.**

All Part A Claims	213	1	213	Claims identified as Part A in the HUIP, HUOP, HUHH, and HUHC queries to CWF.
All Part B Claims	214	1	214	Claims identified as Part B in the HUBC query to CWF.
All DMERC Claims	215	1	215	Claims identified as DMERC in the HUDC query to CWF.
Filler	216	7	222	Filler

**Part A/RHHI Provider Inclusion/Exclusion**

**Part A/RHHI claims may be included or excluded by providers by specifying the Inclusion/Exclusion type. Inclusion or exclusion may be limited by either provider ID or provider state.**

Inclusion/Exclusion Type	223	1	223	Indicates whether providers are to be included or excluded (I - Inclusion or E - Exclusion)
Provider Qualifier	224	1	224	Indicates whether providers are identified by state or by provider ID (P - Provider number or S - Provider state)
Provider ID (P)	225	650	874	Specific providers IDs to be included or excluded (occurs 50 times--13-digit alpha/numeric provider number.
Provider State (S)	875	100	974	Specific provider states to be included or excluded (occurs 50 times—2-digit provider state code)
Filler	975	10	984	Future

**Part B Contractor Inclusion/Exclusion**

**Specific contractors may be included or excluded on Part B claims by specifying the Inclusion/Exclusion type.**

Inclusion/Exclusion Type	985	1	985	Indicates whether contractors are to be included or excluded (I - Inclusion or E - Exclusion)
Contractor ID	986	100	1085	State-specific Part B contractor claims to be excluded (occurs 50 times. First 2 positions of BSI indicator.)
Filler	1086	160	1245	Future

**DMERC Contractor Exclusion**

**Specific contractors may be excluded on DMERC claims.**

Contractor ID	1246 20	1265 Specific contractors to be excluded on DMERC claims (occurs 4 times).
Filler	1266 10	1275 Future

**Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) Indicator for Trading Partner Name**

MSN Indicator for Printing of Trading Partner Name	1276 1	1276 Indicates whether the COBA trading partner wishes its name to appear on the MSN. (Y=Yes N=No).
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**Test/Production Indicator**

Test/Production Indicator	1277 1	1277 One-position indicator that communicates whether a COBA trading partner is in test or full-production mode. (T= Test Mode P=Production Mode)
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## CROSSOVER CLAIM DISPOSITION INDICATORS ATTACHMENT B

<b>Claims Crossover Disposition Indicator</b>	<b>Definition/Description</b>
A	This claim was selected to be crossed over.
B	This Type of Bill (TOB) excluded.
C	Non-assigned claim excluded.
D	Original Medicare claims fully paid without deductible or co-insurance remaining excluded.
E	Original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100% of the submitted charges without deductible or co-insurance remaining excluded. **Also covers the exclusion of Original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100% of the submitted charges for Part B ambulatory surgical center (ASC) claims, even if deductible or co-insurance applies.
F	100% denied claims, with no additional beneficiary liability excluded.
G	100% denied claims, with additional beneficiary liability excluded.
H	Adjustment claims, monetary, excluded (represents non-mass adjustment claims)
I	Adjustment claims, non-monetary/statistical, excluded (represents non-mass adjustment claims)
J	MSP claims excluded
K	This Claim contains a provider identification number (ID) or provider state that is excluded by the COBA trading partner.
L	Claims from this Contractor ID excluded
M	The beneficiary has other insurance (such as Medigap, supplemental, TRICARE, or other) that pays before Medicaid. Claim excluded by Medicaid.
N	NCPDP claims excluded.
O	All Part A claims excluded.
P	All Part B claims excluded.
Q	All DMERC claims excluded.
R	Adjustment claim excluded because original claim was not crossed over.
S	Adjustment Claims Fully Paid without deductible and co-insurance remaining excluded.
T	Adjustments Claims, 100% Denied, with no additional beneficiary liability excluded.
U	Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, with additional beneficiary liability excluded.
V	MSP cost-avoided claims excluded.
W	Mass Adjustment Claims-Medicare Physician Fee

	Schedule (MPFS) update excluded.
X	Mass Adjustment Claims-Other excluded.
Y	Archived adjustment claim excluded.
Z	Invalid Claim-based Medigap crossover ID included on the claim.
AA	Beneficiary identified on Medigap insurer eligibility file; duplicate Medigap claim-based crossover voided.
<i>AB</i>	<i>Not Used; already utilized in another current CWF application or process.</i>
<i>AC</i>	<i>All adjustment claims excluded.</i>

## **80.14 - Consolidated Claims Crossover Process**

*(Rev. 1360, Issued: 11-02-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)*

### **A. The Mechanics of the CWF Claims Selection Process and BOI and Claim-based Reply Trailers**

#### **1. CWF Receipt and Processing of the Coordination of Benefits Agreement Insurance File (COIF)**

Effective July 6, 2004, the COBC will begin to send copies of the Coordination of Benefits Agreement Insurance File (COIF) to the nine CWF host sites on a weekly basis. The COIF will contain specific information that will identify the COBA trading partner, including name, COBA ID, address, and tax identification number (TIN). It will also contain each trading partner's claims selection criteria exclusions (claim or bill types that the trading partner does not want to receive via the crossover process) along with an indicator (Y=Yes; N=No) regarding whether the trading partner wishes its name to be printed on the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). During the COBA parallel production period, which is estimated to run from July 6, 2004, to October 1, 2004, CWF will exclusively return an "N" MSN indicator to the Medicare contractor.

The CWF shall load the initial COIF submission from COBC as well as all future weekly updates.

Upon receipt of a claim, the CWF shall take the following actions:

- a. Search for a COBA eligibility record on the BOI auxiliary record for each beneficiary and obtain the associated COBA ID(s) [NOTE: There may be multiple COBA IDs];
- b. Refer to the COIF associated with each COBA ID (NOTE: CWF shall pull the COBA ID from the BOI auxiliary record) to obtain the COBA trading partner's name and claims selection criteria;
- c. Apply the COBA trading partner's selection criteria; and
- d. Transmit a BOI reply trailer 29 to the Medicare contractor only if the claim is to be sent, via 837 COB flat file or National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) file, to the COBC to be crossed over. (See Pub.100-04, Chap. 28, §70.6 for more information about the claim file transmission process involving the Medicare contractor and the COBC.)

Effective with the October 2004 systems release, CWF shall read the COIF submission to determine whether a Test/Production Indicator "T" (test mode) or "P" (production mode) is present. CWF will then include the Test/Production Indicator on the BOI reply trailer 29 that is returned to the Medicare contractor. (See additional details below.)

## 2. BOI Reply Trailer 29 Processes

For purposes of eligibility file-based crossover, if CWF selects a claim for crossover, it shall return a BOI reply trailer 29 to the Medicare contractor. The returned BOI reply trailer 29 shall include, in addition to COBA ID(s), the COBA trading partner name(s), an “A” crossover indicator that specifies that the claim has been selected to be crossed over, the insurer effective and termination dates, and a 1-digit indicator [“Y”=Yes; “N”=No] that specifies whether the COBA trading partner’s name should be printed on the beneficiary MSN. Effective with the October 2004 systems release, CWF shall also include a 1-digit Test/Production Indicator “T” (test mode) or “P” (production mode) on the BOI reply trailer 29 that is returned to the Medicare contractor.

### **B. MSN Crossover Messages**

As specified above, during the COBA parallel production period (July 6, 2004, to October 1, 2004), CWF will exclusively return an “N” MSN indicator via the BOI reply trailer, in accordance with the information received via the COIF submission. If a Medicare contractor receives a “Y” MSN indicator during the parallel production period, it shall ignore it.

Beginning with the October 2004 systems release, when a contractor receives a BOI reply trailer 29 from CWF that contains a Test/Production Indicator “T” (test mode), it shall ignore the MSN Indicator provided on the trailer. Instead, the Medicare contractor shall follow its existing procedures for inclusion of trading partner names on MSNs for those trading partners with whom it has existing Trading Partner Agreements (TPAs).

Beginning with the October 2004 systems release, when a contractor receives a BOI reply trailer 29 from CWF that contains a Test/Production Indicator “P” (production mode), it shall read the MSN indicator (Y=Yes, print trading partner’s name; N=Do not print trading partner’s name) returned on the BOI reply trailer 29. (Refer to Pub.100-4, chapter 28, §70.6 for additional details.)

### **C. Electronic Remittance Advice (835)/Provider Remittance Advice Crossover Messages**

Beginning with the October 2004 release, when contractors receive a BOI reply trailer (29) from CWF that contains a “T” Test/Production Indicator, they shall not print information received from the BOI reply trailer (29) in the required crossover fields on the 835 Electronic Remittance Advice or other provider remittance advice(s) that is/are in production. Contractors shall, however, populate the 835 ERA (or provider remittance advice(s) in production) with required crossover information when they have existing agreements with trading partners.

Beginning with the October 2004 release, when contractors receive a BOI reply trailer (29) from CWF that contains a “P” Test/Production Indicator, they shall use the returned BOI

trailer information to take the following actions on the provider's 835 Electronic Remittance Advice:

1. Record code 19 in CLP-02 (Claim Status Code) in Loop 2100 (Claim Payment Information) of the 835 ERA (v. 4010-A1). [NOTE: Record "20" in CLP-02 (Claim Status Code) in Loop 2100 (Claim Payment Information) when Medicare is the secondary payer.]
2. Update the 2100 Loop (Crossover Carrier Name) on the 835 ERA as follows:
  - NM101 [Entity Identifier Code]—Use "TT," as specified in the 835 Implementation Guide.
  - NM102 [Entity Type Qualifier]—Use "2," as specified in the 835 Implementation Guide.
  - NM103 [Name, Last or Organization Name]—Use the COBA trading partner's name that accompanies the first sorted COBA ID returned to you on the BOI reply trailer.
  - NM108 [Identification Code Qualifier]—Use "PI" (Payer Identification.)
  - NM109 [Identification Code]—Use the first COBA ID returned to you on the BOI reply trailer. (See line 24 of the BOI aux. file record.)

If the 835 ERA is not in production and the contractor receives a "P" Test/Production Indicator, it shall use the information provided on the BOI reply trailer (29) to populate the existing provider remittance advices that it has in production.

Effective with the implementation of the COBA Medigap claim-based crossover process, when a beneficiary's claim is associated with more than one COBA ID (i.e., the beneficiary has more than one health insurer/benefit plan that has signed a national COBA), CWF shall sort the COBA IDs and trading partner names in the following order:

1) Eligibility-based Medigap, 2) Supplemental, 3) TRICARE, 4) Others, 5) Claim-based Medigap, and 6) Eligibility-based Medicaid. When two or more COBA IDs fall in the same range (see item 24 in the BOI Auxiliary File table above), CWF shall sort numerically within the same range.

### 3. CWF Treatment of Non-assigned Medicaid Claims

When CWF receives a non-assigned Medicare claim for a beneficiary whose BOI auxiliary record contains a COBA ID with a current effective date in the Medicaid eligibility-based range (70000-77999), it shall reject the claim by returning edit 5248 to the Part B contractor's system only when the Medicaid COBA trading partner is in production mode (Test/Production Indicator=P) with the COBC. At the same time, CWF shall only return a

Medicaid reply trailer 36 to the Part B contractor that contains the trading partner's COBA ID and beneficiary's effective and termination dates under Medicaid when the Medicaid COBA trading partner is in production mode with the COBC. CWF shall determine that a Medicaid trading partner is in production mode by referring to the latest COBA Insurance File (COIF) update it has received.

If, upon receipt of CWF edit 5248 and the Medicaid reply trailer (36), the Part B contractor determines that the non-assigned claim's service dates fall during a period when the beneficiary is eligible for Medicaid, it shall convert the assignment indicator from "non-assigned" to "assigned" and retransmit the claim to CWF. After the claim has been retransmitted, the CWF will only return a BOI reply trailer to the Part B contractor if the claim is to be sent to the COBC to be crossed over.

Effective with October 1, 2007, CWF shall cease returning an edit 5248 and Medicaid reply trailer 36 to a Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DMAC). In lieu of this procedure, CWF shall only return a BOI reply trailer (29) to the DMAC for the claim if the COBA Insurance File (COIF) for the State Medicaid Agency indicates that the entity wishes to receive non-assigned claims.

**NOTE:** Most Medicaid agencies will not accept such claims for crossover purposes.

If CWF determines via the corresponding COIF that the State Medicaid Agency does not wish to receive non-assigned claims, it shall exclude the claim for crossover. In addition, CWF shall mark the excluded claim with its appropriate claims crossover disposition indicator (see §80.15 of this chapter for more details) and store the claim with the information within the appropriate Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) detailed history screen.

DMACs shall no longer modify the provider assignment indicator on incoming non-assigned supplier claims for which there is a corresponding COBA ID in the 'Medicaid' range (70000-77999).

4. Additional Information Included on the HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, HUHC, HUBC and HUDC Queries to CWF

#### **Beneficiary Liability Indicators on Part B and DMAC CWF Claims Transactions**

Effective with the January 2005 release, the Part B and DMAC systems shall be required to include an indicator 'L' (beneficiary is liable for the denied service[s]) or 'N' (beneficiary is not liable for the denied service[s]) in an available field on the HUBC and HUDC queries to CWF for claims on which all line items are denied. The liability indicators (L or N) will be at the header or claim level rather than at the line level.

Currently, the DMAC shared system is able to identify, through the use of an internal indicator, whether a submitted claim is in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) format. The DMAC shared system shall pass an indicator "P" to CWF

in an available field on the HUDC query when the claim is in the NCPDP format. The indicator “P” shall be included in a field on the HUDC query that is separate from the fields used to indicate whether a beneficiary is liable for all services denied on his/her claim.

The CWF shall read the new indicators passed via the HUBC or HUDC queries for purposes of excluding denied services on claims with or without beneficiary liability and NCPDP claims.

### **Beneficiary Liability Indicators on Part A CWF Claims Transactions**

Effective with October 2007, the CWF maintainer shall create a 1-byte beneficiary liability indicator field within the header of its HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, and HUHC Part A claims transactions (valid values for the field=L or N).

As Part A contractors adjudicate claims and determine that the beneficiary has payment liability for any part of the fully denied services or service lines, they shall set an ‘L’ indicator within the newly created beneficiary liability field in the header of their HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, and HUHC claims that they transmit to CWF. In addition, as Part A contractors adjudicate claims and determine that the beneficiary has no payment liability for any of the fully denied services or service lines—that is, the provider must absorb all costs for the fully denied claims—they shall include an ‘N’ beneficiary indicator within the designated field in the header of their HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, and HUHC claims that they transmit to CWF.

Upon receipt of an HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, or HUHC claim that contains an ‘L’ or ‘N’ beneficiary liability indicator, CWF shall read the COBA Insurance File (COIF) to determine whether the COBA trading partner wishes to receive ‘original’ fully denied claims with beneficiary liability (crossover indicator ‘G’) or without beneficiary liability (crossover indicator ‘F’) or ‘adjustment’ fully denied claims with beneficiary liability (crossover indicator ‘U’) or without beneficiary liability (crossover indicator ‘T’).

CWF shall deploy the same logic for excluding Part A fully denied ‘original’ and ‘adjustment’ claims with or without beneficiary liability as it now utilizes to exclude fully denied ‘original’ and ‘adjustment’ Part B and DMAC/DME MAC claims with and without beneficiary liability, as specified elsewhere within this section.

If CWF determines that the COBA trading partner wishes to exclude the claim, as per the COIF, it shall suppress the claim from the crossover process.

CWF shall post the appropriate crossover disposition indicator in association with the adjudicated claim on the HIMR detailed history screen (see §80.15 of this chapter).

In addition, the CWF maintainer shall create and display the new 1-byte beneficiary liability indicator field within the HIMR detailed history screens (INPL, OUTL, HHAL,

and HOSL), to illustrate the indicator ('L' or 'N') that appeared on the incoming HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, or HUHC claim transaction.

### **CWF Editing for Incorrect Values**

If a Part A contractor sends values other than 'L' or 'N' in the newly defined beneficiary liability field in the header of its HUIP, HUOP, HUUH, or HUHC claim, CWF shall reject the claim back to the Part A contractor for correction. Following receipt of the CWF rejection, the Part A contractor shall change the incorrect value placed within the newly defined beneficiary liability field and retransmit the claim to CWF.

#### **5. Modification to the CWF Inclusion or Exclusion Logic for the COBA Crossover Process**

Beginning with the October 2006 release, the CWF or its maintainer shall modify its COBA claims selection logic and processes as indicated below. The CWF shall continue to include or exclude all other claim types in accordance with the logic and processes that it had in place prior to that release.

#### **D. New Part B Contractor Inclusion or Exclusion Logic**

The CWF shall read the first two (2) positions of the Business Segment Identifier (BSI), as reported on the HUBC claim, to uniquely include or exclude claims from state-specific Part B contractors, as indicated on the COBA Insurance File (COIF).

#### **E. Exclusion of Fully Paid Claims**

The CWF shall continue to exclude Part B claims paid at 100 percent by checking for the presence of claims entry code '1' and determining that each claim's allowed amount equals the reimbursement amount and confirming that the claim contains no denied services or service lines.

The CWF shall continue to read action code '1' and determine that there are no deductible or co-insurance amounts for the purpose of excluding Part A original claims paid at 100 percent. In addition, CWF shall determine that the Part A claim contained a reimbursement amount before excluding a claim with action code '1' that contained no deductible and co-insurance amounts and that the claim contained no denied services or service lines.

#### **F. Claims Paid at Greater than 100 Percent of the Submitted Charge**

The CWF shall modify its current logic for excluding Part A original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100 percent of the submitted charges as follows:

In addition to meeting the CWF exclusion criteria for Part A claims paid at greater than 100 percent of the submitted charges, CWF shall exclude these claims only when there is no deductible or co-insurance amounts remaining on the claims.

**NOTE:** The current CWF logic for excluding Part B original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100 percent of the submitted charges/allowed amount (specifically, type F ambulatory surgical center claims, which typically carry deductible and co-insurance amounts) shall remain unchanged.

### **G. Claims with Monetary or Non-Monetary Changes**

The CWF shall check the reimbursement amount as well as the deductible and co-insurance amounts on each claim to determine whether a monetary adjustment change to an original Part A, B, or DMAC claim occurred.

To exclude non-monetary adjustments for Part A, B, and DMAC claims, the CWF shall check the reimbursement amount as well as the deductible and co-insurance amounts on each claim to confirm that there were no monetary changes on the adjustment claim as compared to the original claim.

*Effective with April 1, 2008, the CWF shall also include total submitted/billed charges as part of the foregoing elements used to exclude adjustment claims, monetary as well as adjustment claims, non-monetary. (See sub-section N, "Overarching Adjustment Claim Exclusion Logic," for details concerning the processes that CWF shall follow when the COBA trading partner's COIF specifies exclusion of all adjustment claims.)*

### **H. Excluding Adjustment Claims When the Original Claim Was Also Excluded**

When the CWF processes an adjustment claim, it shall take the following action when the COIF indicates that the "production" COBA trading partner wishes to receive adjustment claims, monetary **or** adjustment claims, non-monetary:

- 1) Return a BOI reply trailer 29 to the contractor if CWF locates the original claim that was marked with an 'A' crossover disposition indicator **or** if the original claim's crossover disposition indicator was blank/non-existent;
- 2) Exclude the adjustment claim if CWF locates the original claim and it was marked with a crossover disposition indicator other than 'A,' meaning that the original claim was excluded from the COBA crossover process.

CWF shall **not** be required to search archived or purged claims history to determine whether an original claim had been crossed over.

The CWF maintainer shall create a new 'R' crossover disposition indicator, as referenced in a chart within §80.15 of this chapter, to address this exclusion for customer service purposes. The CWF maintainer shall ensure that adjustment claims that were excluded

because the original claim was not crossed over shall be marked with an 'R' crossover disposition indicator after they have been posted to the appropriate Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) detailed history screen.

### **I. Excluding Part A, B, and DMAC Contractor Fully Paid Adjustment Claims Without Deductible and Co-Insurance Remaining**

The CWF shall apply logic to exclude Part A and Part B (including DMAC) adjustment claims (identified as action code '3' for Part A claims and entry code '5' for Part B and DMAC claims) when the COIF indicates that a COBA trading partner wishes to exclude adjustment claims that are fully paid and without deductible or co-insurance amounts remaining.

Effective with October 1, 2007, the CWF shall develop logic as follows to exclude fully paid Part A adjustment claims without deductible and co-insurance remaining:

- 1) Verify that the claim contains action code '3';
- 2) Verify that there are no deductible and co-insurance amounts on the claim;
- 3) Verify that the reimbursement on the claim is greater than zero; and
- 4) Confirm that the claim contains no denied services or service lines.

**Special Note:** Effective with October 1, 2007, CWF shall cease by-passing the logic to exclude Part A adjustments claims fully (100 percent) paid in association with home health prospective payment system (HHPPS) types of bills 329 and 339. The CWF shall exclude such claims if the COBA Insurance File (COIF) designates that the trading partner wishes to exclude "adjustment claims fully paid without deductible or co-insurance remaining" or if these bill types are otherwise excluded on the COBA Insurance File (COIF).

The CWF shall develop logic as follows to exclude Part B or DMAC fully paid adjustment claims without deductible or co-insurance remaining:

- 1) Verify that the claim contains an entry code '5';
- 2) Verify that the allowed amount equals the reimbursement amount; and
- 3) Confirm that the claim contains no denied services or service lines.

The CWF maintainer shall create a new 'S' crossover disposition indicator for adjustment claims that are paid at 100 percent. The CWF maintainer shall ensure that excluded adjustment claims that are paid at 100 percent shall be marked with an 'S' crossover disposition indicator after they have been posted to the appropriate HIMR detailed history screen. In addition, the CWF maintainer shall add "Adj. Claims-100 percent PD" to the

COBA Insurance File Summary screen (COBS) on HIMR so that this exclusion will be appropriately displayed for customer service purposes.

**J. Excluding Part A, B, and DMAC Contractor Adjustment Claims That Are Fully Denied with No Additional Liability**

The CWF shall apply logic to exclude Part A and Part B (including DMAC) fully denied adjustment claims that carry no additional beneficiary liability when the COIF indicates that a COBA trading partner wishes to exclude such claims.

Effective with October 1, 2007, the CWF shall apply logic to the Part A adjustment claim (action code '3') where the entire claim is denied **and** the beneficiary has no additional liability as follows:

- 1) Verify that the claim was sent as action code '3'; and
- 2) Check for the presence of an 'N' beneficiary liability indicator in the header of the fully denied claim. (See the "Beneficiary Liability Indicators on Part A CWF Claims Transactions" section above for additional information.)

The CWF shall apply logic to the Part B and DMAC adjustment claims (entry code '5') where the entire claim is denied **and** the beneficiary has **no** additional liability as follows:

- 1) Verify that the claim was sent as entry code '5'; and
- 2) Check for the presence of an 'N' liability indicator on the fully denied claim.

The CWF maintainer shall create a new 'T' crossover disposition indicator for adjustment claims that are 100 percent denied with no additional beneficiary liability. The CWF maintainer shall ensure that excluded adjustment claims that were entirely denied and contained no beneficiary liability shall be marked with a 'T' crossover disposition indicator after they have been posted to the appropriate HIMR detailed history screen. In addition, the CWF maintainer shall add "Denied Adjs-No Liab" to the COBS on HIMR so that this exclusion will be appropriately displayed for customer service purposes.

**K. Excluding Part A, B, and DMAC Contractor Adjustment Claims That Are Fully Denied with No Additional Liability**

The CWF shall apply logic to exclude Part A and Part B (including DMAC) fully denied adjustment claims that carry additional beneficiary liability when the COIF indicates that a COBA trading partner wishes to exclude such claims.

Effective with October 1, 2007, the CWF shall apply logic to the Part A adjustment claim (action code '3') where the entire claim is denied **and** the beneficiary has additional liability as follows:

- 1) Verify that the claim was sent as action code '3'; and
- 2) Check for the presence of an 'L' beneficiary liability indicator in the header of the fully denied claim. (See the "Beneficiary Liability Indicators on Part A CWF Claims Transactions" section above for additional information.)

The CWF shall apply logic to exclude Part B and DMAC adjustment claims (entry code '5') where the entire claim is denied **and** the beneficiary has additional liability as follows:

- 1) Verify that the claim was sent as entry code '5'; and
- 2) Check for the presence of an 'L' liability indicator on the fully denied claim.

The CWF maintainer shall create a new 'U' crossover disposition indicator for adjustment claims that are 100 percent denied with additional beneficiary liability. The CWF maintainer shall ensure that excluded adjustment claims that were entirely denied and contained beneficiary liability shall be marked with a 'U' crossover disposition indicator after they have been posted to the appropriate HIMR detailed history screen. In addition, the CWF maintainer shall add "Denied Adjs-Liab" to the COBS on HIMR so that this exclusion will be appropriately displayed for customer service purposes.

#### **L. Excluding MSP Cost-Avoided Claims**

The CWF shall develop logic to **exclude** MSP cost-avoided claims when the COIF indicates that a COBA trading partner wishes to exclude such claims.

The CWF shall apply the following logic to **exclude** Part A MSP cost-avoided claims:

- a) Verify that the claim contains one of the following MSP non-pay codes: E, F, G, H, J, K, Q, R, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, 00, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, and 26.

The CWF shall apply the following logic to **exclude** Part B and DMAC MSP cost-avoided claims:

- a) Verify that the claim contains one of the following MSP non-pay codes: E, F, G, H, J, K, Q, R, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, 00, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, and 26.

The CWF maintainer shall create a new 'V' crossover disposition indicator for the exclusion of MSP cost-avoided claims. The CWF maintainer shall ensure that excluded MSP cost-avoided claims shall be marked with a 'V' crossover disposition indicator after they have been posted to the appropriate HIMR detailed history screen. In addition, the CWF maintainer shall add "MSP Cost-Avoids" to the COBS on HIMR so that this exclusion will be appropriately displayed for customer service purposes.

## **M. Excluding Sanctioned Provider Claims from the COBA Crossover Process**

Effective with April 2, 2007, the CWF maintainer shall create space within the HUBC claim transaction for a newly developed 'S' indicator, which designates 'sanctioned provider.'

Contractors, including Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), that process Part B claims from physicians (e.g., practitioners and specialists) and suppliers (independent laboratories and ambulance companies) shall set an 'S' indicator in the header of a fully denied claim if the physician or supplier that is billing is suspended/sanctioned. NOTE: Such physicians or suppliers will have been identified by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and will have had their Medicare billing privileges suspended. Before setting the 'S' indicator in the header of a claim, the Part B contractor shall first split the claim if it contains service dates during which the provider is no longer sanctioned. This will ensure that the Part B contractor properly sets the 'S' indicator for only those portions of the claim during which the provider is sanctioned.

Upon receipt of an HUBC claim that contains an 'S' indicator, the CWF shall exclude the claim from the COBA crossover process. The CWF therefore shall not return a BOI reply trailer 29 to the multi-carrier system (MCS) Part B contractor for any HUBC claim that contains an 'S' indicator.

## **N. Overarching Adjustment Claim Exclusion Logic**

“Overarching adjustment claim logic” is defined as the logic that CWF will employ, independent of a specific review of claim monetary changes, when a COBA trading partner’s COBA Insurance File (COIF) specifies that it wishes to exclude all adjustment claims.

### **New CWF Logic**

Effective with April 1, 2008, the CWF maintainer shall change its systematic logic to accept a new version of the COIF that now features a new “all adjustment claims” exclusion option.

For the COBA eligibility file-based crossover process, where CWF utilizes **both** the BOI auxiliary record and the COIF when determining whether it should include or exclude a claim for crossover, CWF shall apply the overarching adjustment claim logic as follows:

- 1) Verify that the incoming claim has an action code of 3 or entry code of 5 or, if the claim has an action or entry code of 1 (original claim), confirm whether it has an “A” claim header value, which designates adjustment claim for crossover purposes; and

- Verify that the COIF contains a marked exclusion for “all adjustment claims.” If these conditions are met, CWF shall exclude the claim for crossover under the COBA eligibility file-based crossover process.

If both of these conditions are met, CWF shall exclude the claim for crossover under the COBA eligibility file-based crossover process. **IMPORTANT:** *Independent of the foregoing requirements, CWF shall continue to only select an adjustment claim for COBA crossover purposes if 1) it locates the matching original claim; and 2) it determines that the original claim was selected for crossover (see “**H. Excluding Adjustment Claims When the Original Claim Was Also Excluded**” above for more information).*

#### **New Crossover Disposition Indicator**

Upon excluding the claim, CWF shall mark the claim as it is stored on the appropriate Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) claim detail history screen with a newly developed “AC” crossover disposition indicator, which designates that CWF excluded the claim because the COBA trading partner wished to exclude **all** adjustment claims. (See §80.15 of this chapter for a description of this crossover disposition indicator.)

The CWF shall display the new indicator within the “eligibility file-based crossover” segment of the HIMR detailed claim history screen.

#### **Exception Concerning COBA IDs in the Medigap Claim-based Range**

*CWF shall never apply the new overarching adjustment claim exclusion logic to incoming HUBC or HUDC claims whose field 34 (“Crossover ID”) header value falls within the range of 0000055000 to 0000059999, which represents the COBA identifier of a COBA Medigap claim-based crossover recipient, and for which there is **not** a corresponding BOI auxiliary record that likewise contains that insurer identifier. (See §80.17 of this chapter for more information concerning the COBA Medigap claim-based crossover process.)*

## 80.15 - Claims Crossover Disposition Indicators

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Effective with the October 2004 systems release, when a COBA trading partner is in production mode (Test/Production Indicator sent via the COIF submission=P), CWF shall annotate each processed claim on detailed history in the Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) with a claims crossover disposition indicator after it has applied the COBA trading partner's claims selection criteria. (See the table below for a listing of the indicators.) In addition, when a COBA trading partner is in production mode, CWF shall annotate each processed claim with a 10-position COBA ID (5-digit COBA ID preceded by 5 zeroes) to identify the entity to which the claim was crossed or not crossed, in accordance with the terms of the COBA.

CWF shall not annotate processed Medicare claims on the detailed history screens in HIMR when a COBA trading partner is in test mode (Test/Production Indicator sent via the COIF submission=T).

Once the claims crossover process is fully consolidated under the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC), Medicare contractor customer service staff will have access to a CWF auxiliary file that will display the crossover disposition of each beneficiary claim. The crossover disposition indicators that will appear on the HIMR detailed history screens (INPH, OUTH, HOSH, PTBH, DMEH, and HHAH) are summarized below.

Effective with October 2006, the CWF maintainer shall update its data elements/documentation to capture the revised descriptor for crossover disposition indicators "E," as reflected below. In addition, the CWF maintainer shall update its data elements/documentation to capture the newly added "R," "S," "T," "U," and "V" crossover disposition indicators, as reflected in the Claims Crossover Disposition Indicators table below.

Effective with July 2007, the CWF maintainer shall update its data elements/documentation to capture the newly added "W," "X," and "Y" crossover disposition indicators, as well as all other changes, reflected in the table directly below.

As reflected in the table below, the CWF maintainer is creating crossover disposition indicators "Z" and "AA" to be effective October 1, 2007. *The CWF maintainer is creating and utilizing a new "AC" crossover disposition indicator as part of its COBA claims selection processing effective April 1, 2008.*

<b>Claims Crossover Disposition Indicator</b>	<b>Definition/Description</b>
A	This claim was selected to be crossed over.
B	This Type of Bill (TOB) excluded.

C	Non-assigned claim excluded.
D	Original Fully Paid Medicare claims without deductible and co-insurance remaining excluded.
E	Original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100% of the submitted charges without deductible or co-insurance remaining excluded (Part A).  **Also covers the exclusion of Original Medicare claims paid at greater than 100% of the submitted charges excluded for Part B ambulatory surgical center (ASC) claims, even if deductible or co-insurance applies.
F	100% denied claims, with no additional beneficiary liability excluded.
G	100% denied claims, with additional beneficiary liability excluded.
H	Adjustment claims, monetary, excluded (not representative of mass adjustments).
I	Adjustment claims, non-monetary/statistical, excluded (not representative of mass adjustments).
J	MSP claims excluded.
K	This claim contains a provider identification number (ID) or provider state that is excluded by the COBA trading partner.
L	Claims from this Contractor ID excluded.
M	The beneficiary has other insurance (such as Medigap, supplemental, TRICARE, or other) that pays before Medicaid. Claim excluded by Medicaid.
N	NCPDP claims excluded.
O	All Part A claims excluded.
P	All Part B claims excluded.
Q	All DMERC claims excluded.

R	Adjustment claim excluded because original claim was not crossed over.
S	Adjustment fully paid claims with no deductible or co-Insurance remaining excluded.
T	Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, with no additional beneficiary liability excluded.
U	Adjustment Claims, 100% Denied, with additional beneficiary liability excluded.
V	MSP cost-avoided claims excluded.
W	Mass Adjustment Claims—Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) excluded.
X	Mass Adjustment Claims—Other excluded.
Y	Archived adjustment claim excluded.
Z	Invalid Claim-based Medigap crossover ID included on the claim.
AA	Beneficiary identified on Medigap insurer eligibility file; duplicate Medigap claim-based crossover voided
<i>AB</i>	<i>Not Used; already utilized in another current CWF application or process.</i>
<i>AC</i>	<i>All adjustment claims excluded.</i>