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Subject: Allowing Veterans Administration (VA) Claims with Various OSCAR Numbers

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: CWF and FISS must remove all edits or parts of edits that require VA claims to have either 670899 or 674499 as the provider number. VA claims will start using various “emergency” OSCAR numbers that have been assigned to them. FISS must still identify the claims with the demo number (31) and use FI number (00400 for Part A claims and 00900 for Part B claims) and the OSCAR number to set the demo number. CWF will no longer verify the OSCAR number when determining the VA status of a claim.

New / Revised Material

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Implementation Date: January 2, 2007

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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
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

This project, including this CR, is funded through the IA between CMS and the VA. The VA funds all work on this project.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

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Attachment – One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Veterans Administration (VA) has indicated to CMS that they would like to individually identify and enumerate various VA centers across the nation. This change affects how VA claims are processed under the Medicare-equivalent Remittance Advice project. Because CMS currently edits claims to verify that the provider number is either 670899 or 674499, CWF must remove all edits or parts of edits that require VA claims to have either 670899 or 674499 as the provider number. Since FISS and MCS use the OSCAR number to identify VA claims and to set the VA demo number, the maintainers must adjust their edits to recognize about 160 “emergency” OSCAR numbers that are currently assigned to the VA centers whenever the VA submits a claim with an “emergency” VA OSCAR number. Even if the VA providers begin using an NPI for other purposes, Medicare-equivalent Remittance Advice claims must be submitted to CMS with a VA OSCAR number as the provider identifier. The demo number (31) will be assigned based on the OSCAR number submitted and by the FI number, which is 00400 for Part A claims and 00900 for Part B claims.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
5240.1	The CWF, MCS, and FISS shall analyze, summarize and implement all changes and system modifications necessary to allow VA Medicare-equivalent Remittance Advice claims to be submitted with various OSCAR provider numbers. The current CWF requirements that ensure VA claims contain provider number 670899 or 674499 must be eliminated. VA claims must still contain the demo ID of 31 and FI number 00400 or Carrier number 00900 so FISS and MCS will need to develop a table of valid VA “emergency” OSCAR numbers. If					X	X		X	

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
	possible, CMS prefers that the table be user defined so that provider numbers may be added or deleted as need be.									
5240.2	To allow individual pricing at each VA center, add provider files using the emergency OSCAR provider number for each VA center.									Trailblazer as the VA FI

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
	None.									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: This project, including this CR, is funded through the IA between CMS and the VA. The VA funds all work on this project.

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: January 1, 2007</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 2, 2007</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Stu Barranco at 410-786-6152 for FI issues and Claudette Sikora at 410-786-5618 for Carrier issues</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Office</p>	<p>This project, including this CR, is funded through the IA between CMS and the VA. The VA funds all work on this project.</p>
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