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Change Request 4117

SUBJECT: Installation of the January 2006 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Pricer and Hospice Pricer

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR provides notice to contractors of the off-cycle releases of both the Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Hospice Pricers.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 03, 2006

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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:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) encouraged CMS to upgrade all pricing software to Customer Information Control System (CICS) formatting. The upgrade would allow FISS to manage Pricer software more efficiently. Only the following Pricers would be affected:

- Home Health Association (HHA) Pricer
- Hospice Pricer
- Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Pricer
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Pricer
- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Pricer

Before agreeing to the FISS request, CMS issued JSM-05224, "Impact Analysis for Upgrading Pricer Software," on March 1, 2005 to request feedback on a projected conversion from downstream users of the software, such as Managed Care Organizations and other government agencies. The feedback allowed CMS to understand the impact such a conversion would have on the users and how to minimize the effect of the conversion.

As a result, CMS felt the majority of the concerns raised by the respondents could be alleviated via a user friendly CICS programming approach. CMS also decided it would be appropriate to mitigate any unforeseeable risk by phasing-in the conversion beginning with an off-cycle release of the IPPS Pricer and Hospice Pricer. The off-cycle releases would allow CMS to do adequate testing using provider information compiled from the normal on-schedule, October 2005 IPPS Pricer and Hospice Pricer.

The CICS conversion will allow both COBOL and CICS compilers to compile, link and execute Pricer software. To perform the calculations, each user will either be developing its own interface for the CICS driver, or changing the call to PPOPNO61 for COBOL.

COBOL User Changes

- 1) Compile and link new programs PPOPNO61, PPDRV061 and PPCAL061
- 2) Change your call in your interface to call PPOPNO61 (this will start the process)
 - * PPOPNO61 calls the PPDRV061, which calls the PPCAL061

CICS User Changes

- 1) Write your own interface to open all files
- 2) Compile new programs PPDRV061 and PPCAL061

* The new interface calls the PPDRV061, which will call the PPCAL061 program.

Note: The on-line function will not be affected by the CICS conversion.

B. Policy: N/A

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	
4117.1	Contractors shall install the January 2006 release of the IPPS Pricer. Note: The effective date of this version of The IPPS Pricer will be 10/1/05.	X				X				
4117.2	Contractors shall install the January 2006 release of the Hospice Pricer. Note: The effective date of this version of The Hospice Pricer will be 10/1/05.	X				X				

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: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: January 1, 2006 Implementation Date: January 3, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Joe Bryson at joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Office	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
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