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SUBJECT: Installation of Pricing Software Containing the Customer Information Control System (CICS) Formatting Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction provides notice to CMS contractors of the April LTCH Pricer off-cycle release. The format of this release will be changed from Common Business-Oriented Language (COBOL) to Customer Information Control System (CICS) formatting.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: *April 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

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.

The Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Pricer and the Hospice Pricer have already been released in a CICS-compatible format for the January 2006 release. However, the Pricers listed in Table 1 below still need to be released in the CICS-compatible format through off-cycle releases. The off-cycle releases allow CMS to do adequate testing using provider information compiled from the specific Pricer's previous release. The off-cycle releases also act as a contingent plan by allowing FISS to continue using the prior version of the Pricer should any issues arise with the new CICS-compatible version.

Table 1

PPS Pricer	Scheduled, Off-Cycle Release
Long Term Care (LTCH)	April 1, 2006
Home Health (HH)	July 1, 2006*
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	July 1, 2006*
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF)	July 1, 2006*
Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF)	January 1, 2007*

* Indicates release dates subject to change.

Note: 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 the "open" for COBOL.

COBOL User Changes

- 1) Compile and link new programs
- 2) Change your "calls" in your interface to call the "opens" (this will start the process)
 - * Opens call the drivers, which calls the calculations

CICS User Changes

- 1) Write your own interface to open all files
- 2) Compile the new driver programs and calculation programs
 - * The new interface calls the driver, which will call the calculation 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 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	
4344.1	Contractors shall install the April 2006 release of the LTCH PPS Pricer. Note: The effective date of this version of The LTCH PPS 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 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

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