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

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR provides instructions to contractors to install the Customer Information Control System (CICS)-compatible versions of the Home Health Pricer, the Skilled Nursing Facility Pricer, and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Pricer.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: See section II of the Recurring Update Notification

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 3, 2006

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

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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 (LTC)	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.

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

B. Policy: N/A

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
5046.4	COBOL users should do the following to interface to CICS: 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
5046.5	CICS users should do the following to interface with CICS: 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

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*: See section II of the Recurring Update Notification</p> <p>Implementation Date: July 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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