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SUBJECT: Mammography Quality Standard Act (MQSA) File

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The statement regarding facilities not having the same effective and expiration date for both film and digital certifications is being deleted from Chapter 18, Section 20.1.2.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: July 7, 2006
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 7, 2006

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	18/20.1.2/MQSA File

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:

X	Business Requirements
X	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment - Business Requirements

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SUBJECT: Mammography Quality Standard Act (MQSA) File

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Currently, Section 20.1.2 of Pub. 100-04, Chapter 18, reflects that the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) file does not have the same effective date and expiration date listed for both film and digital certifications. This CR will update that section by deleting the statement regarding facilities not having the same effective date and expiration date for both film and digital certifications so the information is consistent with the current CMS policy.

B. Policy: The Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) File has the same effective date and expiration date listed for both film and digital certifications.

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			
4396.1	Contractors shall note that the MQSA File has the same effective date and expiration date listed for both film and digital certifications.	X		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

<p>Effective Date*: July 7, 2006</p> <p>Implementation Date: July 7, 2006</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Tracey Hemphill at tracey.hemphill@cms.hhs.gov</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate 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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20.1.2 – MQSA File

(Rev. 913, Issued: 04-21-06, Effective: 07-07-06, Implementation: 07-07-06)

Prior to April 1, 2003, the MQSA file showed all facilities that are certified to perform film screening and diagnostic mammograms. After April 1, 2003, the file shows a new Record Type with two indicators, “1” for film and “2” for digital to determine which mammograms the facility is certified to perform.

Section 104 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, entitled “Modernization of Screening Mammography Benefit,” provided new payment methodologies for both diagnostic and screening mammograms that utilize digital technology. The new digital mammography codes have a higher payment rate. In order for Medicare to know whether the mammography facility is certified to perform digital mammography and, therefore, due a higher payment rate, the FDA will send an updated file via CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System (CMSTS), formerly Network Data Mover, on a weekly basis.

Effective July 1, 2006, the file shows:

- Name of Facility,
- Certification number of the facility,
- Film certification obtained (Record-type =1) or digital certification obtained (Record-type = 2),
- Effective and Expiration dates of each certification,
- Letter “T” to designate the facility as terminated,

Some mammography facilities are certified to perform both film and digital mammography. In this case, the facility’s name and FDA certification number shows up on this file twice. One line will indicate film certification with effective date/expiration date while the other line will indicate digital certification with effective date/expiration date.

NOTE: The FDA does not issue printed certification which indicates film or/and digital. Refer to the MQSA file for proof of types of mammography the facility is certified to perform.

Medicare pays for film mammography and digital mammography at different rates and pays for a service only if the provider or supplier is certified by the FDA to perform those types of mammogram for which payment is sought. If the FDA mammography file has an error, contact your regional office mammography coordinator. The coordinators will contact the FDA to research the error. The FDA file is transmitted weekly.

In order to implement these procedures take the following steps:

- 1) The contractors must use the updated file to match the mammography certification number to a provider for validity to adjudicate claims.
- 2) When a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim, check for a “1” film indicator.

- If a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography, pay the claim.
- If a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography only, return to provider (RTP).
- If a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and there is no certification number on the claim, return to provider (RTP) (carriers only).

3) When a digital mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim, check for “2” digital indicator.

- If a digital mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography, pay the claim.
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography only, return to provider (RTP).
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and there is no certification number on the claim, return to provider (RTP) (carriers only).

NOTE: Refer to §20.2 for a complete listing of mammography HCPCS codes.

4) Common Working File (CWF) no longer receives the mammography file for editing purposes.

NOTE: To ensure proper and timely payment for mammography services at facilities certified by the FDA to perform screening and diagnostic mammography services, contractors shall upload on weekly basis the most recent MQSA file.