

CMS Medicare Exclusion Database (MED) – What is coming?

From the CMS MED Team

MED NEWS LETTER - FIRST EDITION

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Welcome to the first edition of MED News Letter. This newsletter is brought to you by the CMS MED team and is meant to convey the upcoming changes to MED including the WEB based online system and the feature to download the Provider sanctions/re-instatement files. The new MED online system will be available to all users beginning early this summer.

All users must have an IACS account (more information below) to access MED and receive files.

MED ONLINE – [HTTPS://MED.CMS.HHS.GOV](https://med.cms.hhs.gov)

A new web based MED online system will be available to all users to search and inquire provider sanctions and reinstatements of both current and cumulative (historical) data. It will also allow users to download the monthly files, consisting of current and cumulative data of provider sanctions and reinstatements. This is explained in detail in the next section, MED FILE DISTRIBUTION.

MED FILE DISTRIBUTION

The current method, where the MED distribution files are received via email, will be replaced with an online user interface through which all authorized users can download the files. The users will download the files from the CMS GENTRAN mailbox. This option will be integrated into the new MED online system.

Going forward, users will be able to download the following files in text (ASCII) format:

1. Current month sanctions
2. Current Month re-instatements
3. Cumulative sanctions
4. Cumulative re-instatements
5. Non-MED

If there is need for other formats (DBF, Access, EPD), users will download a simple utility named as “MED File Creation Utility (MEDFCU)” to create the other file formats from the text files. The utility is available to all users and can be downloaded from the online system.

For those entities with a previously established Connect:Direct interface with CMS, receiving the MED files via Connect:Direct is an option. Please contact [CMS IT Service Desk@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMS_IT_Service_Desk@cms.hhs.gov) to add this capability to your Connect:Direct profile.

HOW TO GET ACCESS

Access to the MED online system will be provided by CMS Individuals Authorized Access to the CMS Computer Services (IACS) system. All users who need access to MED online and/or need to download the files require an IACS ID. Users can begin this process now., using the steps below.

- MED users will go through the IACS registration process to receive an IACS user ID and password, by registering at <https://www.applications.cms.hhs.gov>. After clicking **Enter CMS Applications Portal**, please select **Account Management**, and then **New User Registration**. Select **Medicare Exclusion Database** from the listed applications, and then proceed with your registration form.
- **IMPORTANT: Please be sure to select “MED User” as your role, and enter MEDUSER for the mailbox name. Failure to do so will result in your application being rejected.** If you need assistance with your IACS registration, please contact the EUS Help Desk.
- The MED files will be available for download on the MED website. Please see the attached MED User Manual, or access the MED User Manual at <https://med.cms.hhs.gov>, for further information.

SUPPORT

EUS Help Desk for IACS support:

EUSupport@cgi.com

Toll-Free: (866) 484-8049, (866) 523-4759 (TTY/TDD)

Hours: Monday - Friday, 7am-7pm EST

Please access <http://www.eushelpdesk.com> for EUS homepage and user manuals, and <http://www.eushelpdesk.com/IACS/med.html> to directly access the MED FAQs.

MED Support Email for MED application and data questions:

MED@Cormac-Corp.com