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	Change Request 14300

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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide the Medicare contractors with the April 2026 Bi-Annual ICD-10-CM updates. This recurring update notification applies to chapter 23, section 10.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 6, 2026

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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	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The ICD-10-CM codes are updated as stated in publication 100-04, chapter 23, section 10. The CMS will provide full file replacements to Medicare contractors annually, but may provide bi-annual updates when necessary.

B. Policy: The updated diagnosis codes are effective for dates of service/discharges on and after April 1, 2026.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
14300.1	Contractors shall be aware that CMS will announce the availability of the bi-annual ICD-10 diagnosis file replacement, via email, approximately six weeks prior to the April effective date.		X		X					
14300.2	Contractors shall download the ICD-10 files from the CMS Data Center.		X		X					
14300.3	Contractors shall note that the ICD-10 file name format will be as follows:		X		X					

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	Diagnosis Code file: MU00.ICD10.PARTB.DIAGNOS.Vxxxxx NOTE: In the version number "Vxxxxxx", "xxxxxx" represents the date CMS uploaded the file to the mainframe.									
14300.4	Contractors shall notify the appropriate "line of business" CMS contact(s) listed on this change request if the upload date (the last 6 digits of the version number) does not correspond to the current fiscal year or if there are any issues with loading the file.		X		X					
14300.5	Contractors shall review the README.txt file to determine if there are any updates to be addressed for this Bi-Annual release.		X		X					
14300.6	Contractors shall evaluate all local edits that contain ICD-10-CM codes, update, and test as needed.		X		X					

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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