



Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- The latest update of the RARC and CARC code sets
- What you must do if you use MREP or PC Print
- Where to find the official code lists

If you use MREP or PC Print, be sure to get the latest version when available.

Background

CMS instructs MACs to conduct updates based on the code update schedule. These updates occur in publication 3 times per year – around March 1, **August 1**, and November 1.

We provide this code update notice so you'll know about changes to CARC and RARC lists. These lists are on the official [Accredited Standards Committee \(ASC\) X12 website](#). Medicare systems will deactivate codes as necessary due to the updates. We'll make sure Medicare doesn't report any deactivated code on or after the effective date for deactivation as posted on the official [ASC X12 website](#). If any new or modified code has an effective date later than the

implementation date [CR 12774](#) specifies, MACs will make those effective on the date the official [ASC X12 website](#) specifies.

A discrepancy between the dates may arise because the official [ASC X12 website](#) is only updated 3 times per year and may not match our systems release schedule. The MACs and Medicare's system maintainers must get the complete list for both CARC and RARC from the ASC X12 website. The MACs then find the changes on the code list since the last code update ([CR 12676](#)).

More Information

We issued [CR 12774](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

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