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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction conveys modified EFT dataset names that the Coordination of Benefits and Recovery (COB&R) system on behalf of the BCRC and the MIST and FISS alpha testing contractors will use when sending and receiving beta, regression, and alpha test files. The testing is tied to the BCRC Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) crossover claim files.

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 2021

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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:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   Background: Currently, under the terms of the Medicare Integrated System Testing (MIST) contractor [formerly known as the Single Testing Contractor (STC)] Statement of Work, the MIST contractor creates and transmits beta and regression test 837 coordination of benefits (COB) claims to the Coordination of Benefits and Recovery (COB&R) system. This activity is performed under what is termed the "Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) Contractor Line Item Number (CLIN)." The purpose of the testing is to validate that no new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) 837 X12 compliance errors or National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) D.0 errors have been introduced into the COBA crossover claims creation process as the result of newly developed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) change requests. In more recent years, CMS introduced Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) alpha testing into the COBA systems testing process. Through this process, the FISS maintainer creates and transmits alpha test 837 institutional COB claims to the COB&R system. The purpose of the testing is to validate, at a very early stage, that no new HIPAA ASC 837 X12 compliance errors have been introduced into the COBA 837 institutional COB claims creation process.

At present, COBA MIST and FISS alpha testing entails the use of the COB&R system's mainframe. The CMS and COB&R system's teams are moving towards modernization of their COBA MIST and FISS alpha testing EFT processes by no later than July 2021. Upon implementation of the new EFT process, the MIST contractor and FISS maintainer will transmit all outbound 837 COB test claim files and, as applicable, test NCPDP D.0 claim files, first, to the CMS Baltimore Data Center (BDC). Then, the BDC will, in turn, transmit the test COB files directly to the COB&R system. The COB&R system will follow the reverse process when transmitting COBA-related test response files to the MIST contractor and FISS maintainer. **Note: CMS anticipates no changes will be needed to the dataset names for the outbound response files that CMS BDC will return to both the MIST contractor and FISS maintainer.**

NOTE: CMS has selected a July 2021 implementation date for this instruction, given that FISS shared system changes will be needed.

B.   Policy: Effective with the implementation of this instruction, the MIST contractor shall transmit outbound 837 COBA-related COB test flat files and, as applicable, NCPDP D.0 COB test files to the CMS BDC using the specified dataset names provided in the business requirements below.

Additionally, effective with the implementation of this instruction, the FISS maintainer shall transmit outbound 837 COBA-related COB alpha test files to the CMS BDC, using the specified dataset names provided in the

business requirements below.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								Other
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared-System Maintainers				
		A	B	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
12073.1	Effective with the implementation of this instruction, the MIST contractor shall transmit the 837 and NCPDP D.0 COB test flat files (created in support of the BCRC CLIN) to the CMS BDC using the specified dataset names shown below. **Part A Beta Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBA.Bxxxxx.PARTA.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **Part A Regression Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBR.Bxxxxx.PARTA.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **Part B Beta Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBA.Bxxxxx.PARTB.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **Part B Regression Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBR.Bxxxxx.PARTB.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Beta Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBA.Bxxxxx.PARTB.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **DMEPOS Regression Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBR.Bxxxxx.PARTB.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst **Medicare NCPDP Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBA.Bxxxxx.NCPDP.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst									STC

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	NOTE: The MIST contractor shall note that the 3rd node in the dataset naming convention defines regression versus regular testing. Where: • **B**xxxxx = 'B' followed by the testing contractor COBA ID. • **D**yymmdd.**T**hhmmsst = Current date and time concatenated to literals D and T. (**NOTE:** This is optional for the claims contractor to include, and if not present, the COB&R system will concatenate it.)									
12073.2	Effective with the implementation of this instruction, the FISS maintainer shall transmit the 837 institutional COBA COB flat files for alpha testing to the CMS BDC using the specified dataset names shown below. **Part A Alpha Test Claims:** T#EFT.ON.COBA.Bxxxxx.PARTA.Dyymmdd.Thhmmsst Where: • **B**xxxxx = 'B' followed by the testing contractor COBA ID. • **D**yymmdd.**T**hhmmsst = Current date and time concatenated to literals D and T. (**NOTE:** This is optional for the claims contractor to include, and if not present, the COB&R system will concatenate it.)					X				
12073.3	The MIST contractor and FISS maintainer shall alert CMS and the COB&R system team when they are ready to cut over to the new EFT transmission process prior to July 2021.					X				STC
12073.3.1	The MIST contractor and FISS maintainer shall e-mail Brian Pabst (brian.pabst@cms.hhs.gov) and the					X				STC

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF		
	COB&R systems team (MSPSC_Prod_Support_Lead@gdit.com) when they are ready to cut over to the new EFT transmission process.									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
	None					

IV. 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:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Brian Pabst, 410-786-2487 or brian.pabst@cms.hhs.gov

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

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