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Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Transmittal 10991	Date: September 8, 2021
	Change Request 12426

SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the January 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Files Through the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide instructions for the Medicare contractors to download, test, and implement the annual January MPFSDB update files. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised MPFS payment files for the January update in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2022

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2022

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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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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A. Background:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services releases a recurring Change Request (CR) each year for the annual January Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) update. This CR provides the Medicare contractors with instructions on how they will receive the file names for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual January MPFS update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January MPFS payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.
- **B. Policy:** Contractors shall follow the instructions for retrieving the annual January MPFS files as stated in Publication 100-04, Chapter 23, Section 30.1.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Re	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC					Sha	red-		Other
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12426.1	Medicare contractors shall download and test the		X							
	January 2022 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia)									
	from the CMS mainframe around November 1, 2021.									
12426.1.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the									CMS
	January 2022 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia)									
	are available for downloading, along with the file									
	names, through an e-mail notification via the									
	Functional Workgroups as soon as the 2022 final rule									
	goes on display (around November 1, 2021).									
12426.2	In the event that corrections are required and	X	X	X						
	replacement January 2022 MPFSDB payment files are									
	issued, contractors shall be prepared to retrieve up to									
	three replacement payment files from the CMS									
	mainframe.									
12426.2.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the									CMS
	replacement files are available for retrieval, along with									
	the file names through an e-mail notification via the									

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	Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups.																																																											
12426.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any	X	X	X						CMS																																																		
	replacement files no later than the January 3, 2022,																																																											
	implementation date of this CR unless otherwise																																																											
	directed by CMS.																																																											
	(NOTE: Replacement files will not be issued under																																																											
	this CR too far into January, when claims are no																																																											
	longer routinely being held for the January Release.																																																											
	Any revisions after then will need a separate																																																											
	instruction.)																																																											
12426.2.3	If replacement files are issued, contractors shall post	X	X	X																																																								
	any revised MPFS fees on their websites as soon as																																																											
	possible, but no later than 10 business days after																																																											
	receipt of the files.																																																											
12426.3	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of	X	X	X																																																								
	the files described in requirement 1, and requirement 2																																																											
	when replacement files are issued, via e-mail to																																																											
	price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of																																																											
	the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price																																																											
	(ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received																																																											
	(i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if																																																											
124264	Part A, Part B, or both).									CMC																																																		
12426.4	The CMS shall notify the Common Working File									CMS																																																		
	(CWF) maintainer when the January 2022 MPFSDB																																																											
	files described in requirement 1, and requirement 2																																																											
	(when replacement files are issued), are available for																																																											
	downloading, along with the file names for the files																																																											
	below to facilitate duplicate billing edits, through an email notification:																																																											
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	4) Relative Value Units (RVU) and payment indicator																																																											
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12426.4.1	For the new files (and when replacement files are								X																																																			
	issued), the CWF shall compare the existing files to																																																											
	the new files and install any necessary changes.																																																											

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility

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			Н	A	
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None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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

V. CONTACTS

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

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