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	Change Request 14125

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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:

One Time Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to simplify FISS code by removing obsolete, unused reason codes. FISS is working on in-depth analysis of the contents of the Reason Code file. As a result, FISS has identified many obsolete reason codes that were never removed from the FISS program logic as well as reason codes that are on the FISS file that never had program logic to assign them. FISS met with CMS and the MACs to review their findings, and it was agreed that the obsolete codes could be permanently removed from FISS.

This CR is the seventh (7th) in a series to update the FISS system by removing the logic that assigns deleted or long-term inactivated reason codes and to update the reason code file to eliminate unneeded records.

B. Policy: There is no policy impact.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14125.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 128M4. The CMS Standard has been set to D since July 2010.					X				

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14125.2	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 17706. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.3	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 17707. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.4	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 17708. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.5	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 17709. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.6	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 18701. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.7	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 19903. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.8	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 1A023. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.9	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently					X				

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	remove reason code 30001. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.									
14125.10	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 30700. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.11	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32040. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.12	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32041. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.13	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32099. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.14	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32154. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.15	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32155. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.16	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32207. The CMS					X				

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		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	Standard has been set to I since April 2010.									
14125.16.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32210. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.17	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32219. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.17.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32229. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.18	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32238. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.18.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32240. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.19	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32250. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.19.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32254. The CMS Standard has been set to I					X				

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	since April 2010.									
14125.20	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32255. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.21	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32267. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.21.1	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32268. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.22	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32269. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.23	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32275. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.24	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32381. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.25	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32393. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				

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14125.26	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32437. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.27	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32454. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.28	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32705. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.29	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32805. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.30	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32900. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.31	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32904. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.32	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32906. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.33	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently					X				

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		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	remove reason code 32910. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.									
14125.34	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32911. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.35	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32962. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.36	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32999. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.37	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37173. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.38	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37174. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.39	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37175. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.40	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37176. The CMS Standard					X				

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	has been set to D since April 2010.									
14125.41	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37177. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.42	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 37178. The CMS Standard has been set to D since April 2010.					X				
14125.43	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code E33#9. CWF deactivated the edit with the C20201AE release.					X				
14125.44	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code U5281. The reason code was deactivated with the C20201AE release.					X				
14125.45	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code U5282. The reason code was deactivated with the C20201AE release.					X				
14125.46	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32721. The CMS Standard has been set to I since October 2018.					X				
14125.47	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 32722. The CMS Standard has been set to I since					X				

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	October 2018.									
14125.48	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34925. The reason code was deactivated with TDL 200317.					X				
14125.49	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34003. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.50	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34004. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.51	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34005. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.52	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34007. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.53	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34008. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.54	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34011. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				

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14125.55	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34015. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.56	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34016. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.57	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34017. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.58	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34018. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.59	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34021. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.60	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34024. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.61	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34027. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.62	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently					X				

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	remove reason code 34028. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.									
14125.63	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34030. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.64	FISS shall update the program logic to permanently remove reason code 34032. The CMS Standard has been set to I since April 2010.					X				
14125.65	FISS shall use the utility created with CR 13245 to permanently delete the reason codes in requirements 1-64 from the online reason code file.					X				
14125.66	<p>FISS shall use the utility created with CR 13245 to permanently delete the reason code file record for reason codes with no FISS logic to assign them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B8011, C0043, C61X4, C6114, C6124, C6134, C6104, CT014, D5613, E1505, E3383, E3393, JAN02, JAN08, OCE03 					X				
14125.66.1	FISS shall distribute the updated control card, CTLRC011, with all reason code file deletes populated, and include instructions to run the utility					X				

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	when installing the release.									
14125.67	FISS shall correct the CMS STD for reason code 34953 and 31186.					X				
14125.68	FISS shall make minor program changes, at their discretion, related to reason codes being deleted from the reason code file only.					X				
14125.69	Contractors shall delete the following reason codes from their local files that aren't found on the FISS reason code files: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C6144, C6154, C6164, C6174, C6184 	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:

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

VI. CONTACTS

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

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