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| <b>CMS Manual System</b>                     | <b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>   |
| <b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b> | <b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b> |
| <b>Transmittal 13791</b>                     | <b>Date: May 27, 2026</b>                                 |
|  | <b>Change Request 14492</b>                               |

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

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to update the CARC and RARC lists and direct the ViPS Medicare System (VMS) and the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) to update the MREP and PC Print accordingly. This Recurring Update Notification (RUN) applies to Publication (Pub.)100-04, Chapter 22, Sections 40.5, 60.2, and 60.3.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 5, 2026**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

| <b>R/N/D</b> | <b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b> |
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| N/A          | N/A   |

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**





| Number    | Requirement  | Responsibility |   |     |            |                           |     |     |     |       |
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|           |  | A/B MAC        |   |     | DME<br>MAC | Shared-System Maintainers |     |     |     | Other |
|           |  | A              | B | HHH |            | FISS                      | MCS | VMS | CWF |       |
|           | <b>NOTE:</b> Most new codes become effective on the publication date; however, some new codes may have future effective dates.   |                |   |     |            |                           |     |     |     |       |
| 14492.3   | <p>The contractor shall make necessary programming changes to ensure that no deactivated CARC or RARC codes are reported in the remittance advice and no deactivated CARC codes are reported in Coordination of Benefits (COB) claims by October 1, 2026.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Contractors shall check the official ASC X12 website for updated code lists to ensure all deactivations are captured, including those from previous CR(s). ASC X12 maintains lists of both currently deactivated codes and codes with future deactivation dates.</p> | X              | X | X   | X          | X                         | X   | X   |     | CEDI  |
| 14492.3.1 | The contractor shall review CARC and RARC codes dated July 1, 2026, for "Stop" dates for inclusion in the October 1, 2026, update.   | X              | X | X   | X          | X                         | X   | X   |     | CEDI  |
| 14492.4   | The contractor shall update any crosswalks between standard CARC and RARC codes and the shared system internal codes provided to contractors by October 1, 2026. The contractor shall ensure that any standard codes deactivated since the last update are made unavailable for contractor use by October 1, 2026.   |                |   |     |            | X                         | X   |     |     | CEDI  |
| 14492.5   | The contractor shall make necessary programming changes to allow deactivated CARC and RARC codes in  |                |   |     |            | X                         | X   |     |     | CEDI  |

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|         |   | A              | B | HHH |            | FISS                      | MCS | VMS | CWF |       |
|         | <p>derivative messages after the deactivation implementation date specified in this CR or posted on the official ASC X12 website when all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare is not primary;</li> <li>• The COB claim is received after the deactivation effective date; and</li> <li>• The date in DTP03 in Loop 2430 or 2330B of the COB 837 transaction is prior to the deactivation effective date posted on the official ASC X12 website.</li> </ul> |                |   |     |            |                           |     |     |     |       |
| 14492.6 | The contractor shall make necessary programming changes to allow deactivated CARC and RARC codes after the deactivation implementation for Reversal and Correction Claims when CLP02 contains a value of 22, and when the claim was forwarded to Medicare by primary payers before the deactivation date, and Medicare adjudication occurs after the deactivation date.   |                |   |     |            | X                         | X   |     |     | CEDI  |
| 14492.7 | The contractor shall update MREP software by October 1, 2026, based on the CARC and RARC lists published on the official ASC X12 website on or about July 1, 2026.  |                |   |     |            |                           |     | X   |     |       |
| 14492.8 | The contractor shall update PC Print software by October 1, 2026, based on the CARC and RARC lists published on the official ASC X12 website on or about July 1, 2026.  |                |   |     |            | X                         |     |     |     |       |

#### IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.

**Impacted Contractors:** A/B MAC Part A, A/B MAC Part B, A/B MAC Part HHH, DME MAC, CEDI

#### 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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