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	Change Request 14525

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EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026
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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:

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This recurring CR provides direction for the contractors to perform any necessary file conversions related to the Spanish translation of the HCPCS descriptions provided by First Coast on a quarterly basis. First Coast is providing these updates to the contractors because they are the entity that translates the HCPCS descriptions into Spanish for CMS.

B. Policy: CMS provides contractors with updates to the Spanish HCPCS descriptions on a quarterly basis.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH	MAC	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14525.1	The contractors shall use the spreadsheet provided by First Coast that contains the Spanish translations of the HCPCS descriptions and perform any necessary file conversions, so that this file is available to the MACs at the Hybrid Cloud Data Center (HCDC) for	X	X	X	X	X				

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	processing. This Spanish translation spreadsheet shall include the new HCPCS added for the quarter. **NOTE:** The spreadsheet includes only add-ons and changes that were translated. It is not a full file replacement.									
14525.2	The contractors shall, if necessary, upload the quarterly Spanish HCPCS description updates sent by First Coast by the latter of the implementation date, 30 days after receipt of the updates, or as soon as the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) is able to upload the file in a subsequent release.	X	X		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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