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	Change Request 14429

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EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 5, 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:

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:

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Attachment - One-Time Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: As part of its efforts to comply with the administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA and its implementing regulations, CMS instructs its shared systems maintainers and local Medicare contractors to maintain common front-end HIPAA validation edits through a quarterly release CR. These edits ensure compliance with current standards adopted under HIPAA.

The CMS determines the front-end edits and documents them in spreadsheets attached to quarterly CRs. The spreadsheet provides a comprehensive record of all edits to date, including those that have been changed, deleted, or newly added. The change log within the spreadsheet directs contractors regarding quarterly implementation requirements. The change log worksheet tab contains only modifications made for the current version.

Contractors and shared systems maintainers shall implement the attached edits spreadsheets as replacements for all previously issued edits spreadsheets. However, while contractors are not required to duplicate previously completed work, they must incorporate the spreadsheet updates to enhance their existing core deliverables.

B. Policy: The administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt standard electronic transactions and code sets for administrative health care transactions. The Secretary is also authorized to modify these standards periodically as needed.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								Other
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
14429.1	The Contractor shall be responsible for creating test data to generate the Medicare-defined TA1 at the interchange level and 999 transactions at the functional group and transaction levels, in accordance with the specifications provided in the attached edits spreadsheet.									CEDI, TCEDI
14429.2	The Contractor shall use the specifications in the attached edits spreadsheet to implement the appropriate TA1 acknowledgment at the interchange level.	X	X							CEDI, TCEDI
14429.3	The Contractor shall generate the "Accepted" 999 acknowledgment at both the functional group and transaction levels and return it to the submitter when the front-end translator successfully creates a syntactically compliant flat file, based on the specifications in the attached edits spreadsheet.	X	X							CEDI, TCEDI
14429.4	The Contractor shall generate the "Fully Rejected" 999 acknowledgment at both the functional group and transaction levels in accordance with the specifications provided in the attached edits spreadsheet.	X	X							CEDI, TCEDI
14429.5	The Contractor shall generate the "Accepted with Errors" 999 acknowledgment at both the functional group and transaction levels in accordance with the specifications provided in the attached edits spreadsheet.	X	X							CEDI, TCEDI
14429.6	The Contractor shall utilize the attached edits spreadsheet as the basis for implementing their edits software.	X	X							CEDI, TCEDI

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14429.6.1	Shared systems shall use the attached updated edits spreadsheets for the implementation of their CCEM.						X			
14429.7	The contractor shall use the attached institutional flat file layout for the output file from the translator and for the input file for CCEM.	X							TCEDI	
14429.8	The contractor shall use the attached 276/277 flat file layout for the output file from the translator and for the input file for CCEM.	X	X						CEDI	

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:
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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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