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**PROGRAM AREA: Claims Processing**

**SUBJECT: Removal of Outdated References to Christian Science Sanatoria from Medicare Systems**

**APPLIES TO: Contractors**

**I. SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT:** This transmittal removes references to Christian Science Sanatoria that remained on screens in the FISS system in error since October 1, 2000.

**II. CHANGES IN POLICY INSTRUCTIONS: (If not applicable, indicate N/A)**

STATUS: R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED.

Status	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

**III. CLEARANCES:**

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**IV. TYPE (Check appropriate boxes for type of guidance)**

	<b>Audit Guide</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Change Request</b>
	<b>HPMS</b>
	<b>Joint Signature Memorandum/Technical Director Letter</b>
	<b>Manual Transmittal/Non-Change Request</b>
	<b>State Medicaid Director Letters</b>
	<b>Other</b>

**V. STATUTORY OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY: § 4454 Balanced Budget Act 1997**

# Attachment – One-Time Notification

<b>Pub. 100-04</b>	<b>Transmittal:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Change Request: 5884</b>
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**SUBJECT: Removal of Outdated References to Christian Science Sanatoria from Medicare Systems**

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2000

**Implementation Date:** July 7, 2008

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Section 4454 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 removed all references to Christian Science Sanatoria from Medicare law, replacing these provisions with a new benefit for Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs). Unlike the CSS benefit, the RNHCI provider does not have the choice of selecting to be considered as a hospital or skilled nursing facility but are simply considered as a RNHCI and are paid under the TEFRA methodology at RNHCI rates. The initial instructions implementing the RNHCI benefit in Medicare systems were effective October 1, 2000. CMS (then HCFA) published these instructions in Transmittal AB-00-10, Change Request 1106.

The intent of Change Request 1106 was for features of Medicare systems that involved Christian Science Sanatoria to be replaced entirely with processes specific to RNHCIs. CMS has recently discovered that one small part of this conversion was not completed. Certain claims entry and reference screens within the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) were not updated and still refer to Christian Science Sanatoria. This Change Request is to correct that oversight and convert any such remaining references to refer instead to RNHCIs, as is required by the law.

**B. Policy:** This Change Request contains no new policy.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A D B M A C	D M M A C	F I I E R	C A R I E R	R H R I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C M W F		
5884.1	Medicare systems shall replace any screen display text reading "Christian Science Sanatoria" or "CSS" with "Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions" or "RNHCI."						X				
5884.2	Medicare systems and contractors shall replace any text reading "Christian Science Sanatoria" or "CSS" with	X		X			X				

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I  M A C	C A R I E R	R H I  I S S	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	"Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions" or "RNHCI" in any publicly available documentation.										
5884.3	Medicare systems shall remove any screen display text referring to Christian Science extended care.						X				
5884.4	Medicare systems and contractors shall remove any text referring to Christian Science extended care in any publicly available documentation.	X		X			X				

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I  M A C	C A R I E R	R H I  I S S	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	None.										

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A**

*Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A**

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## VI. FUNDING

**A. For Fiscal Intermediaries, Carriers, and the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC):**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

**B. For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as changes to the MAC Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts specified 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.