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SUBJECT: Removal of Contractor Requirement to Submit Opt Out Data into the Contractor Reporting of Operational and Workload Data (CROWD) System (Form 8)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Effective with the release of this instruction, contractors are no longer required to submit provider opt out data into the CROWD systems. Contractors shall continue to process Opt Out affidavits per current Program Integrity Manual guidelines.

Publication 100-06, Chapter 06, Section 470 has been deleted and Publication 100-02, Chapter 15, Section 40.40 of the Benefit Policy Manual has been amended to reflect this change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 11, 2017

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

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 11, 2017

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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
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D	6/470/470.5/Exhibit

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:

**Business Requirements
Manual Instruction**

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Effective immediately, contractors are no longer required to submit monthly opt out data into the CROWD system (Form 8). Publication 100-06, Chapter 6 Section 470 has been deleted. Contractors shall continue to process Opt Out affidavits per current PIM guidelines.

B. Policy: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		F	M	V	C	
10121.06.1	Effective with the release of this instruction, contractors shall no longer submit quarterly opt out data into the CROWD (Form 8) system. NOTE: Publication 100-06, Chapter 6, Section 470 has been deleted.		X						RRB-SMAC

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I			
		A	B	H H H					
	None								

IV. 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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Yvette Cousar, 410-786-2160 or yvette.cousar@cms.hhs.gov (Opt Out information) , Kenneth Frank, 410-786-5659 or kenneth.frank@cms.hhs.gov (CROWD Information)

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

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