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	Change Request 10944

SUBJECT: Shared System Enhancement 2018: Renovate 2029 Serial Date Processing – Analysis Only

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is directing the Multi-Carrier System to provide an Analysis Paper to renovate a facet of the MCS date processing logic to avoid issues and problems as the date September 17, 2029 approaches.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2019

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 1, 2019

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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	

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Multi Carrier System (MCS) application has programs that retain serial dates in a two-byte signed binary storage format, which may result in dates greater than September 17, 2029 being processed incorrectly. Unless the date logic is renovated to address this limitation, processing issues and errors will be encountered. By updating the MCS serial date logic in advance of the 2029 date, the problems associated with the two-byte signed binary storage format may be prevented without incurring costly processing errors or recoveries.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other		
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S	C W F
10944.1	The contractor shall perform analysis on updating the MCS date logic to avoid using two-byte signed binary dates, so that serial dates may be processed without encountering the September 17, 2029 date limitation.							X			
10944.2	The contractor shall submit an analysis paper on or before, April 1, 2019, and estimate the level of effort needed to implement the identified changes.							X			

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E D I	C M 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): Rae Sprecher-Frey, 410-786-3110 or rae.sprecher-frey@cms.hhs.gov

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

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