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Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Transmittal 1605	<b>Date: January 29, 2016</b>
	<b>Change Request 9451</b>

SUBJECT: Common Working File (CWF) Daily Beneficiary Extract Files Reaching Maximum Record Size, Analysis and Design for Possible Data Reorganization

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requests that the CWF maintainer, MBD and NGD contractors do a full analysis of current data elements and identify all the elements that are not in use to recommend for possible elimination from the extract records and to create more room for future data elements by eliminating the need for major changes.

# **EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016 - Analysis**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 5, 2016 - Analysis** 

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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:

**One Time Notification** 

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#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** CWF stores all the eligibility and services rendered information related to beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare. CWF exchanges this data daily with Medicare Beneficiary Database (MBD) and Next Generation Desktop (NGD). Per International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation, the maximum record length of each sequential record cannot exceed 32k (32,767) bytes. CWF beneficiary extract records exchanged with MBD and NGD are reaching this limit. Additional data elements, if added, would require each of the data records to be split into multiple records. This would result in major changes by all three systems impacted.

On October 22, 2015, CWF maintainer reported that the maximum length defined in CWF for the NGD file is 32,000 bytes per record. The NGD file is currently 31,625 bytes, in addition, the MBD file is nearing the maximum length of 32,000 bytes as well. The MBD file is currently 30,564 bytes.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requests that the CWF maintainer, MBD and NGD contractors do a full analysis of current data elements and identify all the elements that are not in use to recommend for possible elimination from the extract records and to create more room for future data elements by eliminating the need for major changes.

**B.** Policy: N/A

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
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9451.1	Contractors shall analyze all data elements on the daily beneficiary extract records and work with MBD to identify all the data elements that are not in use and recommend them for elimination.  Note: CWF shall provide new record layouts indicating all the data elements that are excluded, if								X	MBD		
9451.2	any, from the daily beneficiary extract records.  Contractors shall analyze all data elements on the								X	NGD		

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	daily beneficiary extract records and work with NGD to identify all the data elements that are not in use and recommend them for elimination.  Note: CWF shall provide new record layouts indicating all the data elements that are excluded, if any, from the daily beneficiary extract records.									
9451.3	Contractors shall participate in up to two (2) one hour calls with CMS to review and clarify any outstanding questions.								X	MBD, NGD
9451.4	CWF shall provide the analysis for this CR no later than July 31, 2016.								X	

## III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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## IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

## V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Vinay Vuyyuru, 410-786-9111 or vinay.vuyyuru@cms.hhs.gov

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

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