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**SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the 2015 Pricing and HCPCS Data Files through CMS' Mainframe Telecommunications Systems**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This transmittal provides the annual update to the various pricing files used by FIs/MACs to adjudicate Part B fee schedule paid claims. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to chapter 23 section 40.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015**
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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2015**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**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:**
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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**
**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I.    GENERAL INFORMATION

**A.    Background:**  Attached are the instructions for retrieving the 2015 Pricing and HCPCS Data Files through CMS' Mainframe Telecommunications System (MTS). These instructions pertain to institutional abstract files only, so there is no Part B MAC impact. CMS' Division of Data Systems (DDS) will release the fee schedules files on the dates indicated. Contractors shall use these files for pricing HCPCS codes for dates of service beginning January 1, 2015.

**B.    Policy:**  This Recurring Update Notification replaces CR 8492, dated October 25, 2013.

Section 5102(b) of the Deficit Reduction Act requires payment for imaging services to be limited to the Medicare Outpatient Department fee schedule amount established under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services. To the extent possible, this limit is reflected in the fees contained in these files. However, contractor priced services are not included in these files. For any imaging services that are contractor priced, the contractor will need to ensure this limit is implemented when their fee is developed.

## 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 A C | M A C | F I S S | M C S | V M S | C W F | |
| 8966.1 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 HCPCS file with the following name from the CMS MTS in late October after 8:00 PM EST:

P@HCP.@AAA2360.HCPC2015.CONTR | X | | | | | | | | VDC |

| 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 | |
| | CMS will provide the date of retrieval via separate email communication. | | | | | | | | | |
| 8966.2 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 fee amounts for clinical diagnostic laboratory services with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12394.CLAB.CY15.V1117.FI | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.3 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 fee amounts for DMEPOS with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014 after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12393.DMEPOS.T150101.V1101.FI | X | | X | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.3.1 | MACs shall retrieve from the following DMEPOS categories as appropriate:<br><br>OS, IL, P/O SC, and S/D | X | | | | | | | | |
| 8966.3.2 | Medicare contractors shall retrieve as appropriate from all DMEPOS categories except T/S. | X | | X | | | | | | |
| 8966.4 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 physician fee schedule abstract fee amounts for outpatient rehabilitation and CORF services with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.ABSTR.V1101.FI | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.5 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 fee amounts for Part B hospice claims, outpatient rehabilitation, CORF, SNF and CAH services with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, | X | | X | | | | | | VDC |

| Number | Requirement | A/B MAC | | | DME MAC | Shared-System Maintainers | | | | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | A | B | HHH | | FISS | MCS | VMS | CWF | |
| | 2014 after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.HHH.V1101.FI | | | | | | | | | |
| 8966.5.1 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 Physician Fee Schedule Payment Policy Indicator file for Method II CAH professional services with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.PAYIND.V1101 | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.6 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 fee amounts for the new digital mammography technology and regular screening mammography services with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.MAMMO.V1101.FI | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.7 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 fee amounts for Part B SNF claims with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 PM EST:<br><br>MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.SNF.V1101.FI | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.8 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 Anesthesia conversion factor fee amounts for CAH services from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014.<br><br>**NOTE**: The data set name for this file will be provided in email from OIS later. | X | | | | | | | | VDC |
| 8966.9 | Medicare contractors shall download the 2015 ambulance fee amounts by locality for all localities with the following name from the CMS MTS on November 14, 2014, after 8:00 PM EST: | X | | | | | | | | VDC |

| Number | Requirement | Responsibility | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | A/B MAC | | | D M E MAC | Shared-System Maintainers | | | | Other |
| | | A | B | H H H | | F I S S | M C S | V M S | C W F | |
| | MU00.@AAA2390.AMBFS.FINAL.CY2015.V1114 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8966.10 | Medicare contractors shall use the locality structure in Attachment B to identify the carrier associated with the locality name and number. | X | | X | | | | | | |
| 8966.11 | Medicare contractors shall treat pricing data confidential and shall not release data until notification is received from CMS (publication of the final rule implementing the fee schedule for physician services for 2015.) | X | | X | | | | | | |
| 8966.12 | Medicare contractors shall price claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2015, with codes and fee rates furnished in the 2015 files. | X | | X | | | | | | |
| 8966.13 | For each file referenced above, notification of successful receipt shall be sent via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity for which it was received (fiscal intermediary name and number.) | X | | X | | | | | | |
| 8966.14 | Medicare contractors shall compare selected carrier priced imaging service fees to the outpatient PPS amount in their system for the same service and load the lower amount for payment. | X | | | | | | | | |

## III.    PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

| Number | Requirement | Responsibility | |
|--------|-------------|----------------|---|
| | | A/B MAC | D M E |

| | | A | B | H H H | M A C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 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: |
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**Section B:  All other recommendations and supporting information:** See Attachments B for pricing and localities. The record layouts can be found in Pub. 100-04 Chapter 23, sections 40 through 50.

## V. CONTACTS

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

## VI. FUNDING

**Section A: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**
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**ATTACHMENTS: 1**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING
## 2015 PART B PRICING FILES
## VIA CMS' MAINFRAME TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Listed below are instructions for receiving the 2015 Part B Pricing Files via CMS' mainframe telecommunications system. In order not to incur additional transmission cost, transmission must occur during the evening hours, specifically after 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Listed below are the most common problems encountered when A/M MACs receive data via CMS' mainframe telecommunications system:

o        Receipt was performed in interactive mode, rather than batch. If transmission is performed interactively, it is impossible for DHPPD to access the CMS' mainframe telecommunications system log to verify transmission success/failure.

o        Omission or change of NEWNAME parameter.  Omission of this parameter makes it extremely difficult and cumbersome for DHPPD to access CMTS log to verify transmission success/failure.   See the following NEWNAME parameters:

-- *DMEPOS* for services priced under the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotic and supply fee schedule

-- *CLAB* for services priced under the clinical diagnostic laboratory fee schedule

-- **MPFS** for the radiology and other diagnostic services priced under the physician fee schedule

-- *HCPCS* for procedure coding information required for claims processing

o        Omission or change of STARTT parameter.  This parameter establishes the starting time for the batch job.  As stated earlier, transmission must occur during the evening hours.  Setting the STARTT to 20:00:00 hours assures that transmission will not commence prior to 8:00 PM EST.

The following is the JCL required for setting up a CMTS transmission of the 2015 Part B Pricing Files file from the CMS Data Center.

*************************************************************

```
//UID#DMEP JOB (ACCTNG),'NAME',MSGCLASS=A,CLASS=C,
//      MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
//DMBATCH EXEC PGM=DMBATCH,REGION=512K,PARM=(YYSLYNN)
//DMPUBLIB  DD DSN= NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMMSGFIL  DD DSN= NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMNETMAP  DD DSN= NDM.NETWORK.MAP,DISP=SHR
//DMPRINT   DD SYSOUT=*
//NDMCMDS   DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN     DD *
  SIGNON USERID=(NDM USERID) -
          NODE= NDM NODE ID  -
         NETMAP= NDM NETWORK MAP
  SUBMIT DSN= PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER  -
       STARTT=(,20:00:00) -
     NEWNAME=DMEPOS or CLAB or MPFS or HCPCS
  SIGNOFF
/*
//
```

*************************************************************
Prior to submitting this job, supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

| | |
|---|---|
| **UID#** | = Your system User-ID |
| **ACCTNG** | = Accounting Information, if applicable |
| **NAME** | = Programmer's Name |
| **NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY** | = NDM Process Library for your system |
| **NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY** | = NDM Message Library for your system |
| **NDM.NETWORK.MAP** | = NDM Network Map File for your system |
| **NDM USERID** | = NDM Userid for your system |
| **NDM NODE** | = NDM Node ID for your system |
| **PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER** | = Member where the code for the NDM COPY (see next page) is stored |

The following code should be placed in your process library.  This code will be executed from within CMTS to perform the copying of the 2015 Part B pricing data from a file at the CMS Data Center to a file at your processing site.

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```
DMEPOS PROCESS PNODE= NDM NODE  -
               SNODE=NDM.CMS  -
               SNODEID=(TWXX, PASSWD) -
               PACCT= 'ACCTNG' -
                &DSN= DATASET NAME
STEP01  COPY  -
     FROM  -
       (DSN=CMS FILE
        DISP=SHR  -
        SNODE) -
     TO  -
       (DSN=&DSN  -
        DISP=(,CATLG,DELETE) -
        UNIT= UNIT ID    -
        PNODE)
```

*************************************************************
Supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

| | |
|---|---|
| **NDM NODE** | = NDM Node ID for your system |

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| *TWXX* | = NDM User ID for CMS' system |
| *PASSWD* | = Password to access NDM at CMS |
| *ACCTNG* | = Accounting Information (if required) |
| *DATASET NAME* | = File to receive HCFA data transmission |
| *CMS FILE* | = *APPROPRIATE DATA SET NAME* |
| *UNIT ID* | = Unit Identifier for your system |

The submission of this JCL will enter this job in the MTS queue.  In order not to incur additional transmission line costs, the job must not run before 8:00 P.M. (EST) of the day it is submitted.

# CARRIER LOCALITY/STATE LOCALITY MAP

| 2015 PRICING AREA | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Carrier** | **Locality** | **Locality name** |
| 10102 | 00 | Alabama |
| 02102 | 01 | Alaska |
| 03102 | 00 | Arizona |
| 07102 | 13 | Arkansas |
| 01182 | 26 | Anaheim/Santa Ana, CA |
| 01182 | 18 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 01112 | 03 | Marin/Napa/Solano, CA |
| 01112 | 07 | Oakland/Berkeley, CA |
| 01112 | 99 | Rest of California |
| 01182 | 99 | Rest of California |
| 01112 | 05 | San Francisco, CA |
| 01112 | 06 | San Mateo, CA |
| 01112 | 09 | Santa Clara, CA |
| 01182 | 17 | Ventura, CA |
| 04112 | 01 | Colorado |
| 13102 | 00 | Connecticut |
| 12202 | 01 | DC + MD/VA Suburbs |
| 12102 | 01 | Delaware |
| 09102 | 03 | Fort Lauderdale, FL |
| 09102 | 04 | Miami, FL |
| 09102 | 99 | Rest of Florida |
| 10202 | 01 | Atlanta, GA |
| 10202 | 99 | Rest of Georgia |
| 01212 | 01 | Hawaii/Guam |
| 02202 | 00 | Idaho |
| 06102 | 16 | Chicago, IL |
| 06102 | 12 | East St. Louis, IL |
| 06102 | 99 | Rest of Illinois |
| 06102 | 15 | Suburban Chicago, IL |
| 08102 | 00 | Indiana |
| 05102 | 00 | Iowa |
| 05202 | 00 | Kansas |
| 15102 | 00 | Kentucky |
| 07202 | 01 | New Orleans, LA |
| 07202 | 99 | Rest of Louisiana |
| 14112 | 99 | Rest of Maine |
| 14112 | 03 | Southern Maine |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 12302 | 01 | Baltimore/Surrounding Counties, MD |
| 12302 | 99 | Rest of Maryland |
| 14202 | 01 | Metropolitan Boston |
| 14202 | 99 | Rest of Massachusetts |
| 08202 | 01 | Detroit, MI |
| 08202 | 99 | Rest of Michigan |
| 06202 | 00 | Minnesota |
| 07302 | 00 | Mississippi |
| 05302 | 02 | Metropolitan Kansas City, MO |
| 05302 | 01 | Metropolitan St Louis, MO |
| 05302 | 99 | Rest of Missouri |
| 03202 | 01 | Montana |
| 05402 | 00 | Nebraska |
| 01312 | 00 | Nevada |
| 14312 | 40 | New Hampshire |
| 12402 | 01 | Northern NJ |
| 12402 | 99 | Rest of New Jersey |
| 04212 | 05 | New Mexico |
| 13202 | 01 | Manhattan, NY |
| 13202 | 02 | NYC Suburbs/Long I., NY |
| 13202 | 03 | Poughkeepsie /N NYC Suburbs, NY |
| 13292 | 04 | Queens, NY |
| 13282 | 99 | Rest of New York |
| 11502 | 00 | North Carolina |
| 03302 | 01 | North Dakota |
| 15202 | 00 | Ohio |
| 04312 | 00 | Oklahoma |
| 02302 | 01 | Portland, OR |
| 02302 | 99 | Rest of Oregon |
| 12502 | 01 | Metropolitan Philadelphia, PA |
| 12502 | 99 | Rest of Pennsylvania |
| 09202 | 20 | Puerto Rico |
| 14412 | 01 | Rhode Island |
| 11202 | 01 | South Carolina |
| 03402 | 02 | South Dakota |
| 10302 | 35 | Tennessee |
| 04412 | 31 | Austin, TX |
| 04412 | 20 | Beaumont, TX |
| 04412 | 09 | Brazoria, TX |
| 04412 | 11 | Dallas, TX |
| 04412 | 28 | Fort Worth, TX |
| 04412 | 15 | Galveston, TX |
| 04412 | 18 | Houston, TX |
| 04412 | 99 | Rest of Texas |
| 03502 | 09 | Utah |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 14512 | 50 | Vermont |
| 09302 | 50 | Virgin Islands |
| 11302 | 00 | Virginia |
| 02402 | 99 | Rest of Washington |
| 02402 | 02 | Seattle (King Cnty), WA |
| 11402 | 16 | West Virginia |
| 06302 | 00 | Wisconsin |
| 03602 | 21 | Wyoming |

*Payment locality is serviced by two B/MACs.