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	Change Request 9343

SUBJECT: Annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Files Delivery and Implementation

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Files are released annually to the Medicare contractors. This instruction is to give direction of the notification and implementation of the annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Files. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to chapter 1, section 30.3.12.1.2.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2016

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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:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A. Background:** The CMS releases a recurring change request each year that contains the file names of the upcoming MPFS files, as well as directs Medicare contractors to download, test and be ready to implement in January.
- **B. Policy:** Contractors shall follow the instructions for retrieving the annual MPFS files as stated in Publication 100-04, Chapter 1, section 30.3.12.1.2. This change request makes no change to policy.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Re	Responsibility																							
		A/B MAC												-							D M E		Sys	red- tem		Other
		A	В	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F																	
9343.1	As soon as the files are available (late October/early November), Medicare contractors shall download the 2016 MPFS files (including anesthesia) from the CMS mainframe.		X							VDC																
9343.1.1	CMS shall provide the date regarding the availability of the annual 2016 MPFS files (including anesthesia) along with the file names through an email notification via the Part B Functional Workgroup. NOTE: CMS will send the email notification as soon as the files are ready.									CMS																
9343.1.2	CMS will send CWF four files to facilitate duplicate billing edits: 1) Duplicate Diagnostic Editing, 2) Duplicate Radiology Editing, 3) Duplicate Pathology Editing and 4) RVU and Payment Indicator Files. CWF shall install these files into their systems. CWF will be notified via email when these files have been sent to them.								X																	
9343.1.3	Upon successful receipt of the file, the A/B MAC (B) shall send notification of receipt via email to		X																							

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
			A/B MAC		A/B D				Sha Sys	tem	Other
		A	В	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	_		
	price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity for which it was received (e.g., A/B MAC (A)/ A/B MAC (B) name and number).										
9343.2	Medicare contractors shall download, test and be ready to implement the 2016 MPFS files on January 4 unless otherwise notified by CMS.		X								
9343.3	Medicare contractors shall treat pricing data CONFIDENTIAL and shall not release/or publish fees on the web until notification is received from CMS regarding publication of the 2016 MPFS final rule.		X								
9343.4	CMS shall notify Medicare contractors when the 2016 MPFS final rule is put on display by email.									CMS	
9343.5	Medicare contractors shall be in compliance with the instruction in Publication 100-04, Chapter 1, section 30.3.12.1.2.		X								

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Re	Responsibility			
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				Н	A	
					C	
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

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

V. CONTACTS

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

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