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SUBJECT: Scheduled Release for July 2006 Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The managed module for software programs and pricing/coding files is updated quarterly. It is informational only and has no systems impact.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :
EFFECTIVE DATE : June 19, 2006
IMPLEMENTATION DATE : June 19, 2006

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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:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   Background: This CR includes the July 2006 schedule for software programs and pricing/coding files. It is informational only and has no systems impact.

B.   Policy: N/A

II.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement
"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
5078.1	Medicare contractors should download the July update in accordance with the individual change request (CR) that is issued for a specific pricing/coding file.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	None.									

IV.   SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A.   Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B.   Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C.   Interfaces: N/A

D.   Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E.   Dependencies: N/A

F.   Testing Considerations: N/A

V.   SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: June 19, 2006 **Implementation Date:** June 19, 2006 **Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Joe Bryson at joseph.bryson@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-2986 **Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Regional Office	**No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.**

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Title of software/ Pricing Files	Scheduled Release Date	Description of Update	Release Cycle
IPPS PRICER	No July update	Not applicable.	Semi-annual – (October and April)
IRF PRICER	May 15	Updates the October 2005 release of the IRF Pricer with CICS formatting (off-cycle release).	Annual - (October)
LTC PRICER	May 15	Update rates, factors and other policy changes (other than the LTC-DRG relative weights).	Semi-annual – (July and October)
OPPS PRICER	June 23	Updates APC rates due to the ASP drug update.	Quarterly
HHA PRICER	May 15	Updates the January 2006 release of the HH Pricer with CICS formatting (off-cycle release).	Annual - (January)
ASC PRICER	No July update	Not applicable.	Quarterly – (released quarterly as needed)
SNF PRICER	May 15	Updates the October 2005 release of the SNF Pricer with CICS formatting (off-cycle release).	Annual - (October)
Hospice PRICER	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
IPF PRICER	May 15	Updates wage indices, the IPF PPS base rate, the ECT rate, the outlier threshold. Also, extra comorbidity categories may be added.	Annual – (July)
ESRD PRICER	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)

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OPPS OCE	May 17	Updates CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.	Quarterly
Non-OPPS OCE	May 17	Updates codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.	Quarterly
Inpatient GROUPER	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
MCE	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (October)
ASP Pricing File	June 20	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.	Quarterly
Zip Code File	May 15	Update of zip codes for ambulance reporting.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	May 19	Updates the table by adding CPT code 83704 to the "covered CPT/HCPCS list" for the Lipid National Coverage Determination.	Quarterly
MPFSDB	May 4	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/ CORF/CAH)	May 4	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Supplemental File (Therapy/ CORF)	May 4	Updates fee schedule services and their related prices.	Quarterly
Hospice File for RHHIs	May 4	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly

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Mammo-graphy Benefit Pricing File	May 4	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	May 4	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
MPFS National Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Inter-pretations	May 4	Update to codes. Allows carriers to accept and process claims for purchased diagnostic tests/interpretations billed by suppliers regardless of location.	Quarterly
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	Carriers: 5/5 FIs: 5/12	Update to fee schedule.	Quarterly
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
HCPCS	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)
Anesthesia Conversion Factor File	No July update	Not applicable.	Annual – (January)

NOTE: All dates on the above table are for 2006.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify data centers via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. Contractors will be notified of the availability of pricing/coding files per future OTNs or RUNs.

Acronyms:

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASP – Average Sale Price
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
CAH – Critical Access Hospital
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
CY – Calendar Year
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
ESRD – End Stage Renal Disease
HHA – Home Health Agency
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IPF – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
LTC – Long Term Care
MCE – Medicare Code Editor
MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
NWI – New Wage Indexes
OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OTN – One-Time Notice
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
RUN – Recurring Update Notification
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities