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I am making a recommendation to the MMA Admendments to the Medicare Secondary Payer Provisions that the burdon of updating the COB files be to total responsibility of the beneficiary. In the past if there was "Other Insurance Primary" to Medicare the claim was denied as PR-22, now CMS has made the provider responsible for updated the beneficarys records. Under the privacy act we feel this is in violation. Only the beneficiary and/or Employer should make corrections to the COB records. When calling COB to update records, we are being advised that only the beneficiary can change the records, so why make the provider responsible for something that is beyond our control.