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	Change Request 11959

SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the January 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Files Through the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide instructions for the Medicare contractors to download, test, and implement the annual January MPFSDB update files. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised MPFS payment files for the January update in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2021

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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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services releases a recurring Change Request (CR) each year for the annual January Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) update. This CR provides the Medicare contractors with instructions and the file names for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual January MPFS update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January MPFS payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.
- **B. Policy:** Contractors shall follow the instructions for retrieving the annual January MPFS files as stated in Publication 100-04, Chapter 23, Section 30.1.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Re	espo	nsi	bilit	y															
		A/B MAC													MAC N		D Shared-M System E Maintainers				Other
		A	В	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F												
11959.1	Medicare contractors shall download and test the January 2021 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia) from the CMS mainframe around November 1, 2020.		X																		
11959.1.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the January 2021 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia) are available for downloading, along with the file names, through an e-mail notification via the Functional Workgroups as soon as the 2021 final rule goes on display (around November 1, 2020).									CMS											
11959.2	In the event that corrections are required and replacement January 2021 MPFSDB payment files are issued, contractors shall be prepared to retrieve up to three replacement payment files from the CMS mainframe.	X	X	X																	

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the file	CMS shall notify the contractors when the cement files are available for retrieval, along with the names through an e-mail notification via the A and Part B Functional Workgroups.									CMS																				
replace impler directe (NOTI this CI longer	actors shall be ready to implement any tement files no later than the January 4, 2021, mentation date of this CR unless otherwise ed by CMS. TE: Replacement files will not be issued under the two far into January, when claims are no recutinely being held for the January Release. evisions after then will need a separate ction.)	X	X	X						CMS																				
any re-	lacement files are issued, contractors shall post evised MPFS fees on their websites as soon as ole, but no later than 10 business days after ot of the files.	X	X	X																										
the file when in price_t the file (ASP) (i.e., in	actors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of es described in requirement 1, and requirement 2 replacement files are issued, via e-mail to _file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of e received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price), etc.), and the entity for which it was received nclude states, workload numbers, quarter, and if A, Part B, or both).	X	X	X																										
(CWF) files do (when downlobelow mail no	CMS shall notify the Common Working File F) maintainer when the January 2021 MPFSDB described in requirement 1, and requirement 2 n replacement files are issued), are available for loading, along with the file names for the files to facilitate duplicate billing edits, through an e- notification: plicate Radiology editing;									CMS																				
2) Dup 3) Path	plicate Diagnostic editing; chology editing, and; lative Value Units (RVU) and payment indicator																													

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
			A/B		D	Shared-				Other
		MAC		M	System					
					E	Maintainers		ers		
		A	В	Н		F	M	V	C	
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				Н	A	S	S	S	F	
					C	S				
11959.4.1	For the new files (and when replacement files are								X	
	issued), the CWF shall compare the existing files to									
	the new files and install any necessary changes.									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Re	spo	nsil	oilit	y
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					Е	D
		Α	В	Н		Ι
				Н	M	
				Н	A	
					C	
	None		·		·	

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

[&]quot;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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