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	Change Request 13726

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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:
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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to add a field on VMS screens that will display the region. By displaying the region, users will be able to differentiate between test and production regions while they are reviewing and processing information. Before the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) transitioned to using Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS), the VMS test region was future dated. Because the date displays at the bottom right footer on most VMS screens, users/operators were able to confirm the region by reviewing the date. The test region displayed a future date, and the production region displayed the current date.

Now that both the production and test regions have the dates synchronized, it is difficult to differentiate between the two regions when viewing and updating information. Errors have occurred updating production data instead of test data due the synchronized date. This enhancement will reduce the risk of unintended changes and follow-up revisions by displaying the current working region.

B. Policy: There are no policy changes associated with this instruction.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
13726.1	GDIT shall build a process that will determine whether the online display screens in the VMS system should display 'TEST', 'PROD', or the MIST Region Id.							X		

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13726.2	GDIT shall modify the screens in the Superop sub-system to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region Id.							X		
13726.3	GDIT shall modify the screens in the Automated Claims Examination System (ACES) sub-system to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region Id.							X		
13726.4	GDIT shall complete analysis of any modifications created during the post-analysis call with CMS and the DME MACs.							X		
13726.5	GDIT shall provide CMS with an implementation plan based on single release implementations of modifications for the remainder of on-line VMS sub-systems.							X		
13726.6	The DME MACs shall test the changes for Business Requirements 13726.1, 13726.2 and 13726.3.				X					

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. 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:

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

VI. CONTACTS

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

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