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	<b>Change Request 10928</b>

SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the January 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) FilesThrough 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, 2019**

\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

# **IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 7, 2019**

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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** 

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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	Responsibility								
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10928.1	Medicare contractors shall download and test the January 2019 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia) from the CMS mainframe around November 1, 2018.		X							
10928.1.1	CMS shall notify the contractors when the January 2019 MPFSDB files (including anesthesia) are available for downloading, along with the file names, through an email notification via the Functional Workgroups as soon as the 2019 final rule goes on display (around November 1, 2018).									CMS
10928.2	In the event that corrections are required and replacement January 2019 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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10928.2.1	CMS shall notify the contractors when the									CMS
	replacement files are available for retrieval, along with									
	the file names through an email notification via the									
	Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups.									
10928.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any	X	X	X						CMS
10928.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any replacement files no later than the January 7, 2019,	Λ	Λ	Λ						CIVIS
	implementation date of this CR unless otherwise									
	directed by CMS.									
	(NOTE: Replacement files will not be issued under									
	this CR too far into January, when claims are no									
	longer routinely being held for the January Release.									
	Any revisions after then will need a separate									
	instruction.)									
10928.2.3	If replacement files are issued, contractors shall post	X	X	X						
10726.2.3	any revised MPFS fees on their Web sites as soon as	Λ	Λ	Λ						
	possible, but no later than 10 business days after									
	receipt of the files.									
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10928.3	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of	X	X	X						
	the files described in requirement 1, and requirement 2									
	when replacement files are issued, via e-mail to									
	price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of									
	the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price									
	(ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if									
	Part A, Part B, or both).									
	Tutti, Tutt B, or both).									
10928.4	The CMS shall send the Common Working File								X	CMS
	(CWF) files to facilitate duplicate billing edits for the									
	MPFSDB files described in requirement 1, and									
	requirement 2 when replacement files are issued:									
	1) Duplicate Radiology editing;									
	2) Duplicate Diagnostic editing;									
	2) Duplicate Diagnostic cutting,									
	3) Duplicate Pathology editing, and;									
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	4) Relative Value Units (RVU) and payment indicator									
	files.									
	The CWF shall be notified via email when these files									
	have been sent to them. The CWF shall compare the									
	existing file to the new file and install any necessary									

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#### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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	None					

#### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

<sup>&</sup>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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