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SUBJECT: Implement New Contractor ID for Single Testing Contractor (STC)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This request implements a new DMEMAC contractor number for use by the Single Testing Contractor (STC) in Medicare fee-for-service integrated systems testing.

NEW / REVISED MATERIAL
EFFECTIVE DATE: *January 1, 2008
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 7, 2008

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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
R	7 / 40.3 / Standard System Testing Requirements for Maintainers, Beta Testers, and Contractors

III. FUNDING:
No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2008 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements
Manual Instruction

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

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   **Background:** This request implements a new DMEMAC contractor number for use by the Single Testing Contractor (STC) in Medicare fee-for-service integrated systems testing.

B.   **Policy:**

II.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	DMERC	RHHI	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER COBC
5648.1	The STC shall use contractor number "44410" for DMEMAC systems integrated testing.		X			X				X	X	X

III.   PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	DMERC	RHHI	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
N/A												

IV.   SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
5648.1	This policy only affects the STC and any entity (e.g., the COBC) that performs integrated testing with the STC. Contractor numbers 00388 and 00888 are currently in use for fee-for-service FISS and MCS testing. Medicare Contractor Number 44410 shall now be used by the STC as a DME MAC for integrated testing of the VMS system.

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:

V. CONTACTS

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VI. FUNDING

A. *For Fiscal Intermediaries, Carriers, and the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC),* use only one of the following statements:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2008 operating budgets.

B. *For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC)*, use only one of the following statements:

The contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts specified 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.

40.3 - Standard System Testing Requirements for Maintainers, Beta Testers, and Contractors

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Medicare requires implementation of a limited number of standard systems that must be used by all FIs and carriers. This eliminates the need for each Medicare Contractor to repeat development of the basic system.

CMS requires that the standard system quarterly release be subjected to the complete testing life cycle prior to production release. The goal is to ensure that all changes function as intended and that the implementation of changes does not degrade or otherwise unintentionally affect existing system capability and function prior to implementation. This requires that the standard system be subjected to all levels and types of testing including unit testing, integration testing, systems testing, functional testing, interface testing, performance testing, regression testing, and operational testing. Definitions are provided in subsection 40.3.9.

The Standard System Maintainer and the Medicare Contractor each have specific roles in testing the standard system quarterly release. Additionally, CMS contracts with an FI, Carrier, DME MAC, and CWF Host to act as a Beta tester for the FISS, MCS, VMS, and CWF systems respectively.

Effective with the January 2006 Release the CMS Single Testing Contractor (STC) will assume primary responsibility for testing the Medicare Standard Systems and CWF. The STC will be fully responsible for meeting the requirements of the Beta tester as outlined in Chapter 7, Section 40.3, including all subsections. STC interface testing with HIGLAS will be initiated in April 2006 as a shadow test on Part A. The STC shall also initiate Railroad Board (RRB) testing with the April 2006 release. *Three Medicare Contractor numbers have been established to accommodate STC testing. They are 00888 for Carrier systems testing, 00388 for Fiscal Intermediary systems testing, and 44410 for DMEMAC systems testing.*

This section identifies the testing responsibilities for each organization to ensure that each standard system quarterly release satisfies all CMS requirements. All organizations shall have processes in place to meet these requirements. Testing activities will generally begin 3 to 4 months in advance of the release date, particularly for standard system maintainers and the CWF maintainer.