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SUBJECT: Common Working File (CWF) Part C Data Exchange and Data Display Changes

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: CWF contains data indicating when a beneficiary is enrolled under a Medicare Part C contract. Part C contracts are Medicare Advantage Managed Care Plans that provide Part A and B benefits for beneficiaries enrolled under the contract. CWF receives this Part C data on a data feed from the Enrollment Database (EDB). Currently, CWF is only receiving the numeric part of the plan contract number on the EDB feed. CWF is hard coding an `H? in front of the plan contract number. Effective in January 2006, contract numbers can begin with a character other than an `H?. Due to the change in how plan contract numbers are assigned, the EDB to CWF record format shall be changed to pass the entire five position alpha/numeric plan contract number. Once this change is implemented, the EDB will identify those plan contract numbers associated with a beneficiary that contain something other than an `H? as the first character and pass the correct plan contract number to CWF on the EDB to CWF data.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 01, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 02, 2006

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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

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

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Attachment – Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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B. Policy: No policy change.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement "Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the								
Number		columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C		ntain M C S	•	С	Other
5118.1	CWF shall change the copybook to accommodate the EDB to CWF record format change to receive the entire Part C plan contract number.								X	
5118.1.1	CWF shall discontinue hard coding an 'H' in front of the Part C plan contract number.								X	

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100	F I		R H	C a	D M	Sha		Syste	m	Other
			H I	r r i e r	E R C	F I S	M C S	V M S	_	
5118.1.2	CWF shall correct Part C plan contract numbers erroneously identified as beginning with an 'H' through a cleanup process initiated by EDB.								X	EDB
5118.2	CWF shall display the Part C plan contract number as received from EDB on queries.								X	
5118.3	CWF shall pass the Part C plan contract number as received from EDB on all data exchanges.								X	
5118.4	Shared systems shall accommodate CWF changes associated with the way Part C plan contract numbers are assigned.					X	X	X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the								
Number		columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C		maintain M C S	_	С	Other
5118.5	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider									

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Number		columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shar Mai F I S		•	C W F	Other
	education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: October 1, 2006

Implementation Date: October 2, 2006

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