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| <b>CMS Manual System</b>                | <b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>   |
| <b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b> | <b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b> |
| <b>Transmittal 11856</b>                | <b>Date: February 9, 2023</b>                             |
|   | <b>Change Request 10673</b>                               |

**SUBJECT: User Enhancement Change Request (UECR): Update the Multi-Carrier System (MCS) to Allow a User the Ability to Control Development Letter Creation for Adjustment Claims**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to update the MCS so a user can control when a development letter is created for an adjustment claim.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023**

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

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 3, 2023**

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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.

| <b>R/N/D</b> | <b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b> |
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| N/A          | N/A   |

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The purpose of this CR is to update the MCS so a user can control when a development letter is created for an adjustment claim. The Automated Development System (ADS), Question Maintenance screen accessed through the mnemonic AQ shall be updated to include a new field for the user to restrict what messages are used in the creation of a development letter for an adjustment claim. If a user attempts to create a development letter on an adjustment claim using the message number restricted on the Question Maintenance screen, a new online edit will be displayed indicating that message is invalid for an adjustment. This shall prevent the development letter from being created.

Reopening claim types shall be excluded from this logic.

The Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) A/B MAC Part B shall be responsible for updating this new field that is applicable to the message number(s) they choose to restrict.

**B. Policy:** N/A

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

| Number    | Requirement   | Responsibility |   |             |                                  |             |                  |             |       |             |             |  |  |
|-----------|---|----------------|---|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|           |   | A/B<br>MAC     |   | D<br>M<br>E | Shared-<br>System<br>Maintainers |             |                  |             | Other |             |             |  |  |
|           |   | A              | B |             | H<br>H<br>H                      | M<br>A<br>C | F<br>I<br>S<br>S | M<br>C<br>S |       | V<br>M<br>S | C<br>W<br>F |  |  |
| 10673.1   | The MCS shall create a new field on the ADS Question Maintenance screen.  |                |   |             |                                  |             |                  |             |       | X           |             |  |  |
| 10673.1.1 | The MCS shall create a new indicator to be used in this field, restricting the use of the associated message number.                                |                |   |             |                                  |             |                  |             |       | X           |             |  |  |
| 10673.1.2 | The MCS shall insure that a claim reopening is excluded from this logic.  |                |   |             |                                  |             |                  |             |       | X           |             |  |  |
| 10673.2   | The MCS shall create a new edit that shall display a message indicating the action is invalid on an adjustment, when a message number is used on an |                |   |             |                                  |             |                  |             |       | X           |             |  |  |

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|---------|---|----------------|---|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|         |   | A/B MAC        |   | H H H | M A C | D M E | Shared-System Maintainers |       |       | Other |
|         |   | A              | B |       |       |       | F I S S                   | M C S | V M S |       |
|         | adjustment claim that is set up with a restriction indicator. This shall prevent the user from completing the transaction, and a development letter shall not be created.                                       |                |   |       |       |       |                           |       |       |       |
| 10673.3 | MCS shall update the ADS functions in the System Auditing Function Expert (SAFE) to include the new field added to the ADS Question Maintenance screen.   |                |   |       |       |       | X                         |       |       |       |
| 10673.4 | MCS shall update the Medical Policy and Procedure (MPAP) – System Control Codes Master, System Control Code (SCC) -Type (HBBRC06) report to include the new field added to the ADS Question Maintenance screen. |                |   |       |       |       | X                         |       |       |       |
| 10673.5 | The A/B MAC Part B shall be responsible for updating the new field on the ADS Question Maintenance screen that is applicable to the message number(s) they choose to restrict.                                  |                | X |       |       |       |                           |       |       |       |

**III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE**

| Number | Requirement | Responsibility |   |  |       |       |       |         |
|--------|-------------|----------------|---|--|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|        |             | A/B MAC        |   |  | H H H | M A C | D M E | C E D I |
|        |             | A              | B |  |       |       |       |         |
|        | None        |                |   |  |       |       |       |         |

**IV. 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**

## **V. CONTACTS**

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

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