

<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 13058</b>	<b>Date: January 16, 2025</b>
	<b>Change Request 13779</b>

**SUBJECT: User Enhancement Change Request (UECR): ViPS Medicare System (VMS) - Updates to the Automated Paperless Exception System (APEX) Request Screen (APEX/1)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to add the Modifier and Action Code fields to the APEX/1 screen.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 7, 2025**

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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>
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:**

**One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Currently, the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) have no way to narrow a search of the claim by procedure code and modifier. The DME MACs have the ability to search for a procedure code but have to scroll through claims to find the procedure code/modifier combination. This takes time searching through claims and there may not be any claims that meet the criteria. During, review and approval of this UECR, the DME MACs agreed that adding the Action Code field would be helpful to reduce time in scrolling through resulting claims.

**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	H		F	M	V	C		
13779.1	The contractor shall update the APEX/1 screen to include four pairs of Procedure Code Modifier fields that will be used to find an exact match, or a match within a range.							X			
13779.2	The contractor shall update the APEX/1 screen to add the Action Code field.							X			

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13779.3	The contractor shall update the functionality on the APEX/1 screen to search all thirteen claim lines for the Procedure Code, Procedure Code Modifiers and Action Code fields.										X	
13779.4	The contractor shall supply a file conversion of the APEX data to ensure that the new search criteria is made available to all claims suspended to the APEX file as of the implementation of this CR.									X		
13779.5	The contractor shall update the APEX/1 screen to remove the "CONTRACTOR ID" field.									X		
13779.6	The contractor shall update the APEX/1 screen to rename the PRICING PROV field to the PERFORMING PROV field.									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).

## **VII. FUNDING**

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