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	Change Request 10693

SUBJECT: User Enhancement Change Request (UECR): Update the Multi-Carrier System (MCS) Comment Screen

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to allow a user to make corrections on the Comment screen, add comments to a finalized claim and to auto populate specific data to fields on the screen which currently require manual entry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 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.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
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 allow a user to make corrections on the Comment screen, add comments to a finalized claim and to auto populate specific data to fields on the screen which currently require manual entry.

Currently the Comment screen accessed with the mnemonic CO, does not allow for a correction to be made to a previously posted comment. A corrected comment must be entered, adding to the number of existing comments, causing unnecessary additional entries to display.

There is also a limitation as to when a comment can be added to a claim. The user is not able to add a comment to a finalized claim without opening up a correspondence batch. The ability to access the Comment screen through the finalized claims' Internal Control Number (ICN) is being requested.

An enhancement to auto populate fields which currently require manual entry are as follows:

- Current date
- ICN or Correspondence Control Number (CCN)
- Clerk ID of the staff member adding the comment (CLRK)
- Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) or Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)
- Provider number (PIN); National Provider Identifier (NPI); the Health Plan Identifier (HPID) or Other Entity Identifier (OEID)

The MCS Desktop Tool (MCSDT) application currently does not allow corrections to existing comments on the MCSDT Comments window.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers			Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	
10693.1	The MCS shall update the Comment screen, accessed with the mnemonic CO, to allow for a correction to an existing comment.						X		
10693.2	The MCS shall update the existing MCSDT Comments window to allow for a correction to an existing comment.						X		
10693.3	The MCS shall update the system logic to allow a user to add a comment and to correct an existing comment on a finalized claim within the MCSDT application.						X		
10693.4	The MCS shall update the system logic to allow a user to add a comment and to correct an existing comment on a finalized claim utilizing the ICN within the MCS.						X		
10693.5	The MCS shall systematically populate fields on the Comment screen when the user is adding a comment to a pending or finalized claim utilizing the ICN.						X		
10693.5.1	The MCS shall populate the following fields when the user accesses the Comment screen by entering the mnemonic CO from the Claim screen, Detail History screen, Correspondence Entry Beneficiary Initiated screen and the Correspondence Entry Provider Initiated screen.						X		
10693.5.1 .1	The MCS shall systematically populate the current date.						X		
10693.5.1 .2	The MCS shall systematically populate the ICN.						X		
10693.5.1 .3	The MCS shall systematically populate the Clerk ID.						X		
10693.5.1 .4	The MCS shall systematically populate the HICN or the MBI.						X		
10693.5.1 .5	The MCS shall systematically populate the PIN, NPI, HPID, or OEID.						X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	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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