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	Change Request 13763

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 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.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
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:

Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This CR provides the Medicare contractors with instructions for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual OTP update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January OTP payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

B. Policy: Section 2005 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act requires that the payment rates for OTPs be updated on an annual basis. All of the codes in the OTP file can be billed by specialty D5 (Opioid Treatment Program). The OTP file will reflect all current allowable codes and reflects any newly added codes for 2025 dates of service. Codes deleted from the OTP list for 2025 dates of service have been removed from the 2025 OTP file.

III. 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	C W F		
13763.1	Medicare contractors shall download the 2025 OTP payment file from the CMS mainframe around November 1, 2024, or after.	X	X								

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		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	C W F		
13763.1.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the 2025 OTP payment file is available for downloading, along with the file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups as soon as the 2025 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule goes on display (around November 1, 2024).									CMS	
13763.1.2	Contractors shall post the following link on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days after receipt of the files: https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/opioid-treatment-program/billing-payment NOTE: This link to the CMS website contains information about billing and payment for OTPs, including links to the national and locality-adjusted fees.	X	X								
13763.2	In the event that corrections are required and a replacement 2025 OTP payment file is issued, contractors shall be prepared to retrieve up to three replacement OTP payment files from the CMS mainframe.	X	X								
13763.2.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the replacement file is available for retrieval, along with the file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part A and Part B Functional Workgroups.									CMS	
13763.2.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any replacement files no later than the January 6, 2025, implementation date of this CR, unless otherwise directed by CMS. (NOTE: Replacement files shall not be issued under this CR too far into January, when claims are no longer routinely being held for the January Release. Any revisions after then will need a separate instruction.)	X	X							CMS	
13763.3	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of the file described in requirement 13763.1 and requirement 13763.2 when a replacement file is	X	X								

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		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	C W F	
	issued, via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov , stating the name of the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price (ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).									

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

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

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