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MMA – Appeals of Claims Decisions: Modification to Medicare’s Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS)

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers who submit appeals of claims decisions of Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs)

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

To enable providers and suppliers to verify that their redetermination request has been received, the FI will create an Automated Correspondence System (ACS) master record to input the beneficiary HIC number, Document Control Number (DCN), date(s) of service, type of bill, and the Correspondence Control Number (CCN) within FISS when they receive a redetermination request.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The FI is not required to send the appellant a letter acknowledging the receipt of a redetermination request. The entries into the ACS master record will remain for 90 days before they are automatically removed by the FISS system.

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GO – What You Need to Do

Providers and suppliers will be able to view these CCNs within the Direct Data Entry (DDE) system and verify that their appeal requests were received. This will allow providers to view which appeals were received by the FI and which appeals need to be resubmitted.

Background

At the redetermination level of appeal, the FI is not required to send the appellant a letter acknowledging the receipt of a redetermination request.

The purpose of Change Request (CR) 3970 is to add a master record for appeals that incorporates the following within FISS:

- Beneficiary HIC number
- Document Control Number (DCN)
- Date(s) of service
- Type of bill
- Correspondence Control Number (CCN).

Providers can thus view reports within the Direct Data Entry (DDE) system to verify that their redetermination request(s) were received. The FI will accomplish this by creating an Automated Correspondence System (ACS) master record to input these numbers into the system when they receive a redetermination request.

FISS will be able to run a report on the master record and provide that report to providers through the DDE. The entries into the ACS master record will remain for 90 days before they are automatically removed by the FISS system.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your FI regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/Downloads/R1740TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

Please refer to your local FI for more information about this issue. To find the toll free phone number, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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