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CHANGE REQUEST 1316

SUBJECT: Release of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Elements on Eligibility Queries

There are several data elements on the Common Working File (CWF) eligibility response records that HCFA receives from the IRS, which we should not be releasing to providers. Effective July 31, 2000, CWF removed several data elements from the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) information on the HIQA, HUQA, and HIQM files. The specific MSP data fields that have been blocked are as follows:

- Subscriber name;
- Employer name;
- Employer address;
- Employer city;
- Employer state;
- Employer zip code;
- Employee ID number; and
- Employee info.

Effective August 14, 2000 the same data elements will be removed from the HIHO record. Please adjust your systems in accordance with these changes, and assure that you do not make this data available to providers by any other means. You do not need to notify all providers of this change, but should be prepared to respond to questions.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 31 and August 14, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is September 12, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after September 30, 2001.

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