
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Common Working File (CWF) Y2K Wrapper Logic Removal Changes

Y2K wrapper logic surrounds dates processed in the Common Working File (CWF) system. It determines the century for internal processing, but does not add or save the century. All external dates used as input to the CWF system include the century. Bridge programs on the front end of CWF processing strip the century from dates before going into CWF, and a bridge program on the back end of CWF adds century to dates before going back to the sender. Wrapper logic allows CWF processing to be Y2K compatible, but the CWF system is not Y2K compliant.

This task will modify the CWF system by including the century on all internal dates processed, dates in working storage, dates used in Customer Information Control System (CICS) inquiries, and dates on all files within the CWF system. These dates will all have the common format of CCYYDDD. Multiple one-time utilities will be created to convert internal system dates to the common format, and the CWF system itself will be modified to process all dates in this format.

A phased implementation approach is being used, with portions of the system upgraded in each quarterly release. This change request (CR) will modify the Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) maintenance transaction (HUCM), the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) maintenance transaction (HURD), and multiple Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) transactions. Listed below are the external copybook names of the transactions being modified. In each of these transactions all of the date fields are being expanded to the CCYYDDD format. In addition, CWF is expanding the employer name and address information on the MSP auxiliary history file, which will also be changed in the CWF MSP copybooks. Standard systems, fiscal intermediaries, and/or carriers will have to make changes as necessary in order to send in these transactions in the new format.

CMN Copybooks
CABEHUCM
CABCRCMN

ESRD Copybooks
CABCHURD
CABCRESR

MSP Copybooks
CABETMSP
CABCRMSP
CABCHUSC
CABCMSPB
CABCMSPC
CABEHIIF

The responses coming back for these transactions will also be in the new date format (copybook CABCABOT). The copybook layouts will be available in CWF CR 20406 in Infoman, and will be sent directly to each of the standard system maintainers. Instructions will be forthcoming for future Y2K wrapper logic removal changes.

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The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2003.

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