
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Modifications to the Common Working File (CWF) to: (1) Suppress HUST Type TC Transactions for Medicare+Choice and Adjustment Claims; and (2) Activate Coordination of Benefits Contractor #11100.

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to alert you to modifications to CWF beginning January 1, 2002. CWF will suppress the HUST transaction, type TC, for adjustment claims or any claims that might be submitted for a Medicare+Choice enrollee. When Medicare contractors process an adjustment claim, or a claim submitted on behalf of a Medicare+Choice enrollee with a diagnosis code related to an accident or injury, a trauma code alert will not be sent to the COB contractor.

CMS is also activating COB contractor number 11100 on CWF. The COB contractor will use contractor number 11100 to establish MSP records that cannot be altered by any other contractor. Edits will be in place to block any action to update or delete an MSP record established by contractor number 11100. Contractors, other than 11100, that attempt to update or delete an MSP record created by contractor number 11100 will receive an SP 50 error code. A SP 50 error code is defined as a "contractor number unauthorized" to update or delete a record.

The *effective date* for this 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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