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## CHANGE REQUEST 1821

**SUBJECT: Data Center Testing - Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS)  
Software Version 3.0**

On July 30, 2001, the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC) shipped the ECRS Version 3.0 test software to each data center for testing. Data centers should complete testing within the standard testing timeframes. If changes are necessary as a result of testing, a revised software version will be forwarded to all data centers by September 17, 2001. Problems with this test version should be reported immediately by data centers to allow for further testing of a replacement software version. If no changes occur as a result of testing, the current version will be converted to a production environment. The ECRS production 3.0 software version is currently scheduled to be available for Medicare contractor use on October 12, 2001.

The ECRS Version 3.0 draft manual at attachment 1 is being supplied for data center use while testing the COBC supplied software, where applicable. For ease of use, the draft manual includes gray shading within the text that indicates a change or enhancement has occurred. In addition, attachment 2 provides a comprehensive listing of all enhancements included in ECRS Version 3.0. Medicare contractors will receive a final version of the ECRS manual for use in production.

Problems encountered by data centers during testing should be reported to the COBC's Help Desk technical support staff at (212) 615-4647 or (212) 615-4677. You may also e-mail your questions/concerns to the COBC via Internet address at [COB@ghimedicare.com](mailto:COB@ghimedicare.com). If you are unable to receive technical assistance, contact Sherri DeWindt, COBC Project Director, at (646) 458-6615. You may also contact Danielle Barbour, CMS, at (410) 786-6468 or e-mail at [DBarbour@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:DBarbour@cms.hhs.gov).

## 2 Attachments

**The effective date for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 12, 2001.**

**The implementation date for this PM is October 12, 2001.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after February 12, 2002.**

**If you have any questions, refer to contacts as outlined above.**

# **Electronic Correspondence Referral System (E CRS)**

## **Reference Manual**

**Version 3.0**

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## **Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information**

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These provisions refer to any information obtained by an employee in the course of his/her performance of duties and/or investigations, e.g., beneficiary diagnosis, pattern of practice of physicians.

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**Notes:**

**Introduction**

This chapter contains an introduction to the *Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) Reference Manual*. Refer to the chart below or the Table of Contents to locate topics in this chapter.

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## About this Manual

This manual was written to help you understand the Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS). The manual is divided into four parts to help you quickly and easily find the information you need.

Chapter 1, the *Introduction*, is the section you are reading now. It contains information about how to use the manual. It also includes basic information about ECRS. If you are unfamiliar with the system or are not an experienced computer user, read the entire *Introduction* before reading the rest of the manual.

Chapter 2 is a screen reference for ECRS. It contains an example of each screen in ECRS with a complete description of the fields. It also includes information about how to access the screens. The chapter also contains step-by-step instructions for performing tasks associated with each screen. Chapter 3 contains a chart of ECRS CICS error messages. The chart also provides you with actions to take to resolve the errors.

The Glossary defines terms and acronyms associated with ECRS.

## Reference Manual Conventions

This section explains how information appears in the manual. Understanding the conventions will help you to better understand the screen explanations and tasks.

**Information that you enter** on the computer screen appears in **bold typeface**. For example, you may read this instruction: Type **ECRS** and press [Enter]. **ECRS** is in bold typeface because you are supposed to type those letters.

**System messages** appear in CAPITAL LETTERS. For example, you may read this: The system displays the message, "FUNCTION KEY NOT ACTIVE."

**Function and computer key** names appear within [brackets]. For example, you may read this instruction: Press [Enter]. You may also read: Press [PF9].

**Computer screen examples** are representative of the screens that you see on your computer. The actual information may not be the same, unless otherwise noted in the manual.

**Pointers** throughout the manual can help you locate information. The manual includes a master Table of Contents in the front, and smaller Tables of Contents at the beginning of each chapter. In addition, each page has headers and footers that you can use to determine where you are in the manual.

## What is ECRS?

**Note:** Please see the *Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information* statement on the inside of the title page regarding the appropriate handling of information contained in ECRS.

The Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) allows MSP representatives at the Medicare contractor sites to fill out various online forms and electronically transmit requests for changes to existing CWF MSP information, inquiries concerning possible MSP coverage, and document copy transactions to the COB contractor. The transactions are automatically stored on the COB contractor’s system. Each evening, a batch process reads the transactions and processes the requests. The status on each transaction is updated as it moves through the system.

Transactions are entered and viewed in ECRS by contractor number. An organization with more than one contractor number must determine how it wants to group its activity. If the organization wants to see all of the records together, it should use only one contractor number for all ECRS activities. If the organization wants to distinguish the transactions by contract, it should use its different contractor numbers.

ECRS uses action codes to determine what information should be changed at CWF. For example, if the action code is EI, only the information in the employer fields (employer name, street, city, ZIP code, EIN, and employee number) gets updated. If these fields are left blank, the system deletes the employer information from the appropriate record at CWF. The action codes and corresponding fields are listed in the chart below.

If you enter this action code in the ACTION(S) field...	The system updates information in this field at CWF:
AI	INFMT NAME, PHONE, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP (attorney information), when MSP TYPE = D, E, or L and INFMT REL = A
DX	DIAG (diagnosis codes, enter up to five)
ED	EFF DT (effective date)
EI	EMPLR NAME, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP, EIN, and EMPLOYEE NO (employer information)
II	INSURER NAME, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP, GROUP NO, POLICY NO, INSURED NAME, INS REL (insurer information)
IT	INS TYPE (insurance type)
MT	MSP TYPE
PH	PHP DATE
PR	PAT REL (patient relationship)
TD	TERM DT (termination date)

See the chart below for action codes not associated with any specific fields.

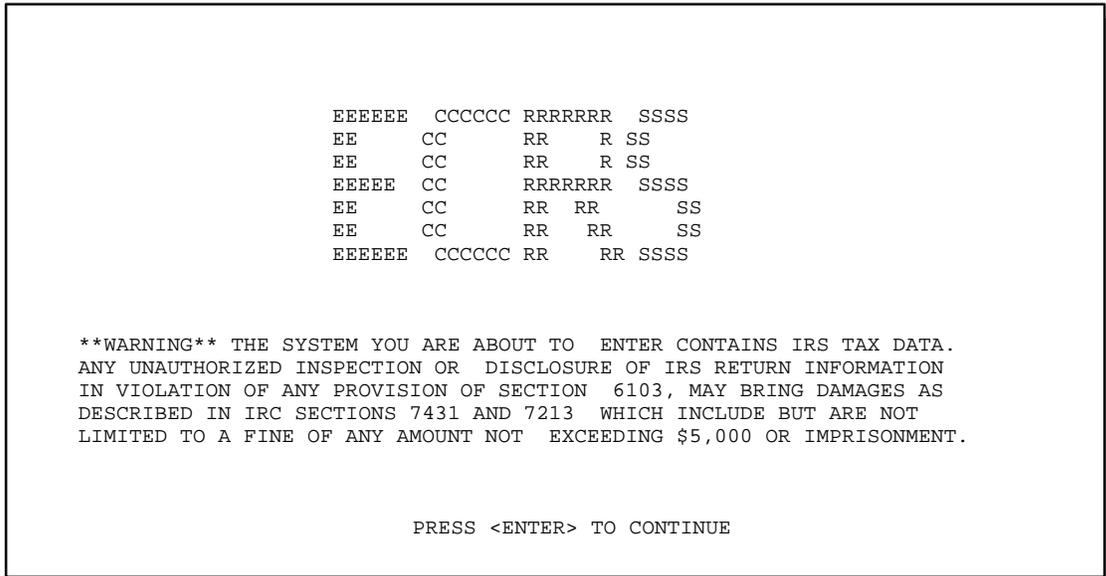
Action Code	Explanation
DO	Delete occurrence
<b>EA</b>	<b>Develop for employer address</b>
ES	Employer size below minimum
<b>LR</b>	<b>Add duplicate liability record</b>
MX	SSN/HICN mismatch
<b>RR</b>	<b>Right of recovery request</b>
VP	Vow of poverty

If you enter information in a field (for example, TERM DT), but you do not enter the corresponding action code (TD in this example) in the ACTION(S) field, the system will not update that information at CWF.

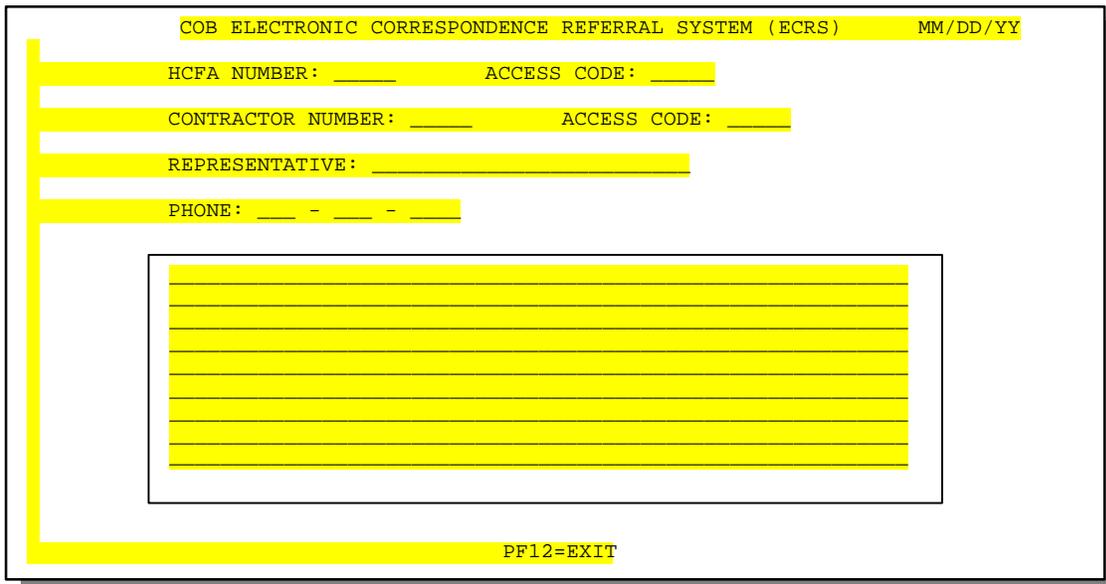
## Basic Functions

### Getting Started

1. Log into a local Medicare CICS region.
2. Type ECRS and press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS splash screen, as shown in the example below.



3. Press [Enter]. The system displays the COB Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) login screen, as shown in the example below.



4. Use the chart below to locate the appropriate action.

If you are a...	Follow these steps:
Medicare contractor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type your contractor number (unique five-digit number assigned by CMS) in the CONTRACTOR NUMBER field.</li> <li>2. Type your access code (five-character authorization code assigned by the COB contractor) in the ACCESS CODE field.</li> <li>3. Type the name of the contractor representative in the REPRESENTATIVE field.</li> <li>4. Type the contractor representative's telephone number in the PHONE field.</li> </ol>
CMS user	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type your CMS ID number in the CMS NUMBER field.</li> <li>2. Type your access code in the ACCESS CODE field.</li> </ol>

5. Press [Enter]. The system displays the COB Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) main menu screen, as shown in the example below.

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COB ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE REFERRAL SYSTEM ( ECRS)          MM/DD/YY
CONTRACTOR NUMBER: _____
USER ID: _____ STATUS: __ LAST UPDATED FROM: _____ THROUGH: _____
HICN: _____ DCN: _____

SELECTION  __
01 CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST DETAIL
02 CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST LIST
03 DOCUMENT COPIES
04 MSP INQUIRY DETAIL
05 MSP INQUIRY LIST
06 LEAD CONTRACTOR ASSIGNMENT
07 DEVELOPING CONTRACTOR NOTIFICATION
08 MSP CHANGED RECORD NOTIFICATION

F12=EXIT
    
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You now have the ability to access information in ECRS.

### Logging Off

Press [PF12] or [Pause/Break] on any screen to exit ECRS. The system displays the following message: "ECRS TRANSACTION HAS BEEN TERMINATED."

## ECRS Screens

### Introduction

This chapter is a screen reference that gives you examples and explanations of the screens in ECRS. The reference includes field descriptions and explanations of how to access and exit the screens. If you are a new user, this reference can help you to determine what information is in each field or what you should enter in a field. It can also help you to navigate through the system if you are “lost.” If you are an experienced user, you can use the chapter as a quick reference for a screen that you use infrequently.

The screens in this chapter are representative of the actual screens that you see on your computer. The data will not be the same; the screen layout will be very similar, if not exactly the same. Use the chart below or the *Table of Contents* to locate the screens in the chapter.

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## COB ECRS Login Screen

### Introduction

The COB ECRS login screen allows access to ECRS.

### Access

1. Log into a local Medicare CICS region.
2. Type ECRS and press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS splash screen.
3. Press [Enter]. The system displays the COB Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) login screen, as shown in the example below.

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COB ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE REFERRAL SYSTEM (ECRS)      MM/DD/YY
HCFA NUMBER: _____ ACCESS CODE: _____
CONTRACTOR NUMBER: _____ ACCESS CODE: _____
REPRESENTATIVE: _____
PHONE: ___ - ___ - ___

_____
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_____

PF12=EXIT
    
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### Explanation of Screen

COB ECRS Login Screen	
Field Name	Description
CMS NUMBER	CMS identification number. <i>Required field</i> for CMS users.
ACCESS CODE	<b>Three-position alphabetic</b> authorization code for CMS users. <i>Required field</i> for CMS users.
CONTRACTOR NUMBER	Unique five-digit identification number assigned to each Medicare contractor by CMS. <i>Required field</i> for contractors.
ACCESS CODE	Five-character authorization code assigned by COB contractor. <i>Required field</i> for contractors.
REPRESENTATIVE	Contact person at contractor site  <b>Note:</b> Although this field is not required, contractors are encouraged to enter information here, as the system carries this data forward to other screens, eliminating the need to re-enter it.

<b>COB ECRS Login Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
PHONE	Phone number of contractor representative <b>Note:</b> Although this field is not required, contractors are encouraged to enter information here, as the system carries this data forward to other screens, eliminating the need to re-enter it.
(BULLETINS)	Bulletins created in COB system

**Process**

1. Use the chart below to locate the appropriate action.

<b>If you are a...</b>	<b>Follow these steps:</b>
Medicare contractor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type your contractor number (unique five-digit number assigned by CMS) in the CONTRACTOR NUMBER field.</li> <li>2. Type your access code (five-character authorization code assigned by the COB contractor) in the ACCESS CODE field.</li> <li>3. Type the name of the contractor representative in the REPRESENTATIVE field.</li> <li>4. Type the contractor representative's telephone number in the PHONE field.</li> </ol>
CMS user	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type your CMS ID number in the CMS NUMBER field.</li> <li>2. Type your access code in the ACCESS CODE field.</li> </ol>

2. Press [Enter]. The system displays the COB Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) main menu screen. You now have the ability to access information in ECRS.

**Transportation**

<b>COB ECRS Login Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
12	Exit ECRS

# COB ECRS Main Menu Screen

## Introduction

The COB ECRS main menu screen is the access point for all ECRS online functionality.

## Access

1. Log into a local Medicare CICS region.
2. Type **ECRS** and press [Enter]. **The system displays the ECRS splash screen.**
3. Press [Enter]. The system displays the COB Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) **login** screen.

4. 

If you are a...	These fields are REQUIRED on the login screen:
Medicare contractor	CONTRACTOR NUMBER, ACCESS CODE, REPRESENTATIVE, PHONE
CMS user	CMS NUMBER, ACCESS CODE

5. 

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COB ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE REFERRAL SYSTEM ( ECRS)          MM/DD/YY
CONTRACTOR NUMBER: _____
USER ID: _____ STATUS: __ LAST UPDATED FROM: _____ THROUGH: _____
HICN: _____ DCN: _____

SELECTION  __
          01 CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST DETAIL
          02 CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST LIST
          03 DOCUMENT COPIES
          04 MSP INQUIRY DETAIL
          05 MSP INQUIRY LIST
          06 LEAD CONTRACTOR ASSIGNMENT
          07 DEVELOPING CONTRACTOR NOTIFICATION
          08 MSP CHANGED RECORD NOTIFICATION

          F3=RETURN F12=EXIT
    
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## Explanation of Screen

<b>COB ECRS Main Menu Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
CONTRACTOR NUMBER	<p><b>Medicare Contractors:</b> Contractor number entered on login screen (<i>protected field</i>)</p> <p><b>CMS Users:</b> Type appropriate contractor number to view requests and inquiries for a specific contractor. <i>Required field</i> when accessing the MSP Developing Contractor Notification screen and MSP Changed Record Notification screen.</p>
USER ID	User ID of operator. Use this field with options 02 and 05 to find specific ECRS transactions. You can combine this field with STATUS and/or LAST UPDATED FROM and THROUGH dates to further refine a search.
STATUS	Status of record. Use this field with options 02 and 05 to find specific ECRS transactions. You can combine this field with USER ID and/or LAST UPDATED FROM and THROUGH dates to further refine a search.
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range. Lists transactions last updated on or after this date. Use this field in conjunction with any other selection criteria fields to further refine a search. Defaults to 30 days prior to current date.
THROUGH	Ending date of a date range. Lists transactions last updated on or before this date. Use this field in conjunction with any other selection criteria fields to further refine a search. Defaults to current date.
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number. Searches for specific ECRS transactions. Use in conjunction with Last Updated From date and/or Last Updated Through date to further refine a search.
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by Medicare contractor. Use this field with options 02 and 05 to find specific ECRS transactions. You can combine this field with LAST UPDATED FROM and THROUGH dates to further refine a search.

<b>COB ECRS Main Menu Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
SELECTION	<p>Selection field. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 CWF Assistance Request Detail</li> <li>02 CWF Assistance Request List</li> <li>03 Document Copies</li> <li>04 MSP Inquiry Detail</li> <li>05 MSP Inquiry List</li> <li>06 Lead Contractor Assignment</li> <li>07 Developing Contractor Notification</li> <li>08 MSP Changed Record Notification</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> You can perform searches for options 02 and 05 using criteria in any of the following combinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User ID</li> <li>• User ID, Status</li> <li>• User ID, Last Updated From</li> <li>• User ID, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• User ID, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• User ID, Status, Last Updated From</li> <li>• User ID, Status, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• User ID, Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• Status</li> <li>• Status, Last Updated From</li> <li>• Status, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• Last Updated From</li> <li>• Last Updated Through</li> <li>• Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• HICN</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated From</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• DCN</li> <li>• DCN, Last Updated From</li> <li>• DCN, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• DCN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> </ul> <p>You can perform searches for options 06, 07, and 08 using criteria in any of the following combinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Updated From</li> <li>• Last Updated Through</li> <li>• Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• HICN</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated From</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated Through</li> <li>• HICN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through</li> </ul> <p><b>CMS Users:</b> In addition to all of the criteria listed above, you can also perform searches using Contractor Number, as well as Contractor Number added to any other valid combination.</p>

## Process

1. Use the table below to locate the appropriate action.

If you are a...	Follow these steps:
Medicare contractor	Proceed to Step 2.
CMS user	Type the appropriate contractor number in the CONTRACTOR NUMBER field.

2. Type the option number for the screen you want to view in the SELECTION field. See the table below for option numbers and the corresponding screens.

Option Number	Screen
01	CWF Assistance Request Detail
02	CWF Assistance Request List
03	Document Copies
04	MSP Inquiry Detail
05	MSP Inquiry List
06	Lead Contractor Assignment
07	Developing Contractor Notification
08	MSP Changed Record Notification

3. Press [Enter]. The system displays the appropriate screen.

## Transportation

COB ECRS Main Menu Screen	
PF Key	Function
03	Return to login screen
12	Exit ECRS

## ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2

### Introduction

The ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen allows you to enter, view, and update an ECRS request transaction. You can only update request transactions if the request transaction is in NW (new) status, meaning the COB system has not yet started processing the information. Any user with the same contractor number can update a transaction in NW (new) status.

You can only enter assistance request transactions for *changes to existing coverage rows* on this screen (not from the main menu), not this screen.

Use this screen to:

- patient relationship, and termination date
- Request deletion of a coverage row
- Correct an SSN/HICN mismatch
- Update a record for a vow of poverty
- Add a duplicate liability record
- Request that COB develop for an employer address
- Make documentation requests for generation of right of recovery letters

### Access

Use the chart below to locate the appropriate action.

If you are a...	Follow these steps:
Medicare contractor	From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type <b>01</b> in the SELECTION field and press [Enter].
CMS user	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type <b>02</b> in the SELECTION field and press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS CWF Assistance Request List screen.</li> <li>2. Type <b>S</b> in the SEL field next to the transaction for which you want to view detailed information and press [Enter].</li> </ol>

The system displays the first page of the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen, as shown in the example on the next page.

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ECRS CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST DETAIL                                PAGE 1 OF 2
CNTR NBR. 99999 PHONE: ___-___-___ USER ID XXXXXXXX ORIG DT: 99-99-9999
CNTR REP.: _____ STATUS XX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
ACTION(S): ___-___-___ DCN: _____ REASON XX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
SOURCE: _____ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BENE HICN: _____ SSN: ___-___-___ DOB: _____ SEX: _
NAME: _____ PAT REL: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
MSP TYPE: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX EFF DT: _____ TERM DT: _____
AUX REC: _____ ACCR DT: _____
ORIG CNTR: _____
BENE STRT: _____
CITY: _____ ST: ___ ZIP: ___-___ PHONE: ___-___-___
SUBSCBR: _____
INFMT NAME: _____ PHONE: ___-___-___
STREET: _____
CITY: _____ ST: ___ ZIP: ___-___ INFMT REL: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
EMPLR NAME: _____ EIN: _____
STREET: _____
CITY: _____ ST: ___ ZIP: ___-___ EMPLOYEE NO: _____

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F8=FWD F12=EXIT
    
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**Note:** To access this screen from the ECRS CWF Assistance Request List screen, type **S** in the SEL field next to the transaction for which you want to view detailed information. Press [Enter]. The system displays the first page of the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen for the selected transaction.

### Explanation of Screen

ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2	
Field Name	Description
CNTR NBR.	Contractor number entered on login screen ( <i>protected field</i> )
PHONE	Phone number of contractor representative ( <i>protected field</i> )
USER ID	User ID of operator who entered request transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
ORIG DT	Originating date in MM-DD-CCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )
CNTR REP.	Name of contractor representative to contact for further information or clarification regarding request ( <i>protected field</i> )
STATUS	Two-character code explaining where request transaction is in the COB system process ( <i>protected field</i> ). Description of status code displays next to value. Valid values are:  CM Completed DE Delete (do not process) ECRS request HD Hold, used for Box 10 entries IP In process, being edited by COB NW New, not yet read by COB

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
ACTION(S)	<p>Two-character code defining action to take on CWF Auxiliary record (<i>required field</i>). Valid values are:</p> <p><b>AI</b> Change attorney information            DO Mark occurrence for deletion            DX Change diagnosis codes  <b>EA</b> COB must develop for employer address            ED Change effective date            EI Change employer information            ES Employer size below minimum (20 for working aged, 100 for disability)            II Change insurer information            IT Change insurer type  <b>LR</b> Add duplicate liability record            MT Change MSP type            MX SSN/HICN mismatch  <b>PH</b> Add PHP date            PR Change patient relationship  <b>RR</b> Generate right of recovery lead contractor letter            TD Change termination date            VP Beneficiary has taken a vow of poverty</p> <p>Enter up to four codes unless request is to delete occurrence (DO), <b>request a right of recovery lead contractor letter (RR)</b>, or note a vow of poverty (VP). You cannot combine these two action codes with any other action codes.</p>
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by contractor to correspondence and/or paperwork associated with transaction ( <i>required field</i> )

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
REASON	<p>Two-character code explaining why the request is in a particular status (<i>protected field</i>). Description of reason code displays next to value. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Not yet read by COB, used with NW status</li> <li>02 Being processed by COB, used with IP status</li> <li>03 Under development by COB, used with IP status</li> <li>04 Update sent to CWF, used with IP status</li> <li>05 Error received from CWF, being resolved by COB contractor, used with IP status</li> <li>10 Not processing</li> <li>50 Posted to CWF, response received with no errors, used with CM status</li> <li>51 No changes (additions, modifications, or deletions) made to CWF, used with CM status</li> <li>52 Returned–rejected by CWF, used with CM status</li> <li>53 Returned–duplicate ECRS request, used with CM status</li> <li>54 100 or more threshold met</li> <li>55 20 or more threshold met</li> <li>56 OBRA does not apply, no update</li> <li>57 Record already updated</li> <li>58 Non-compliant GHP</li> <li>59 Employer verified existing record, no update</li> <li>60 Invalid HICN</li> <li>61 No Part A entitlement</li> <li>62 Closed, no response</li> <li>63 Development complete, no MSP</li> <li>64 Letter sent</li> </ul>
SOURCE	<p>Four-character code identifying source of request information (<i>required field</i>). Description of source code displays next to value. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BX10 Information in Box 10 of claim</li> <li>CHEK Unsolicited check</li> <li>DVLP Information received in response to development initiated by Medicare contractor</li> <li>LTTR Letter</li> <li>PHON Phone call</li> <li>SCLM Claim submitted to Medicare contractor for secondary payment</li> </ul>
BENE HICN	<p>Health Insurance Claim Number of beneficiary. <i>Required field if beneficiary’s name and address information is blank.</i> Type HICN without dashes, spaces, or other special characters.</p>
SSN	Social Security Number of beneficiary
DOB	Beneficiary’s date of birth
SEX	<p>Sex of beneficiary. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M Male</li> <li>F Female</li> <li>U Unknown</li> </ul>
NAME	Name of beneficiary in first name/middle initial/last name format. First and last names are <i>required fields if beneficiary’s HICN is blank.</i>

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
PAT REL	Patient relationship between policy holder and beneficiary ( <i>required field</i> ). Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: 1 Beneficiary is policy holder 2 Spouse 3 Child 4 Other
MSP TYPE	One-character code identifying type of MSP coverage ( <i>required field</i> ). Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: A Working Aged B ESRD C Conditional Payment D Automobile Insurance, No Fault E Workers' Compensation F Federal (Public) G Disabled H Black Lung I Veterans L Liability
EFF DT	Effective date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>required field</i> )
TERM DT	Termination date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format. Type one or more zeroes in this field to remove an existing termination date. Type <b>9</b> eight times in this field if you have conflicting dates for the termination date.
AUX REC	Record number of MSP auxiliary occurrence in CWF ( <i>required field</i> )
ACCR DT	Accretion date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format
ORIG CNTR	Contractor number of contractor that created original MSP occurrence at CWF ( <i>required field</i> )
BENE STRT	First and second lines of beneficiary's street address. <b>First line is required field if beneficiary's HICN is blank.</b>
CITY	Beneficiary's city. <b>Required field if beneficiary's HICN is blank.</b>
ST	Beneficiary's state. <b>Required field if beneficiary's HICN is blank.</b>
ZIP	Beneficiary's ZIP code. <b>Required field if beneficiary's HICN is blank.</b>
PHONE	Beneficiary's telephone number
SUBSCBR	Name of person (in first name/middle initial/last name format) under whose coverage beneficiary is receiving Medicare benefits
INFMT NAME	Name of person (in first name/middle initial/last name format) informing contractor of change in MSP coverage. First and last names are <i>required fields</i> when SOURCE is LTTR.
PHONE	Informant's telephone number
STREET	First and second lines of informant's street address. First address line is a <i>required field</i> when SOURCE is LTTR.
CITY	Informant's city. <i>Required field</i> when SOURCE is LTTR.

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
ST	Informant's state. <i>Required field</i> when SOURCE is LTTR.
ZIP	Informant's ZIP code. <i>Required field</i> when SOURCE is LTTR.
INFMT REL	One-character code indicating relationship of informant to beneficiary. <i>Required field</i> when SOURCE is LTTR. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are:  A Attorney representing beneficiary B Beneficiary C Child <b>D Defendant's attorney</b> E Employer F Father I Insurer M Mother N Non-relative O Other relative P Provider R Beneficiary representative (other than attorney) S Spouse U Unknown
EMPLR NAME	Name of employer providing group health insurance under which beneficiary is covered
EIN	Employer Identification Number
STREET	Employer's street address
CITY	Employer's city
ST	Employer's state
ZIP	Employer's ZIP code
EMPLOYEE NO	Employee number of policy holder

**Process**

1. Type data in all of the required fields on the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail, Page 1 of 2 screen. The required fields on this screen are:

- ACTION(S)
- DCN
- SOURCE
- BENE HICN  
(required if beneficiary's name and address information is blank)
- NAME  
(required if beneficiary HICN is blank)
- **BENE STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP**  
(required if beneficiary HICN is blank)
- PAT REL
- MSP TYPE
- EFF DT
- AUX REC
- ORIG CNTR

After you type data in one field, press [Tab] to move the cursor to the next field.

2. Type data in the fields required by the action code(s) typed in the ACTION(S) field. The table below lists action codes and corresponding required fields not listed above.

Action Code	Required Fields
AI	INFMT NAME, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT REL (attorney information)
TD	TERM DT (termination date)
EI	EMPLR NAME, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP, EIN, and EMPLOYEE NO (employer information)  <b>Note:</b> Type data in <i>all</i> fields to update employer information at CWF. Leave <i>all</i> fields blank to delete employer information at CWF.

3. After typing data in all of the required fields, press [PF8]. The system displays the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail, Page 2 of 2 screen.

### Transportation

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
PF Key	Function
02	Return to ECRS main menu
03	Return to previous level
08	Page forward to second page of screen
12	Exit ECRS

## ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2

### Introduction

The ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen allows you to enter, view, and update an ECRS request transaction. You can only update request transactions if the request transaction is in NW (new) status, meaning the COB system has not yet started processing the information. Any user with the same contractor number can update a transaction in NW (new) status.

You can only enter assistance request transactions for *changes to existing coverage rows* on this 04 from the main menu), not this screen.

Use this screen to make changes to diagnosis codes, insurer information, insurer type, and MSP type.

### Access

From the first page of the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen, press [PF8]. The system displays the second page of the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen, as shown in the example below.

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ECRS CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST DETAIL                PAGE 2 OF 2
CNTR NBR. 99999          BENE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX X XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
HICN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX   DCN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

INSURER NAME: _____          INS TYPE:  _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
STREET: _____
CITY: _____ ST:  __ ZIP:  _____
GROUP NO: _____          POLICY NO: _____
INSURED NAME: _____          INS REL:  __ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
PHP DATE: _____
REMARKS:  __ __ __          DIAG:  _____

CLAIMS PENDING:  _

COMMENTS: CNTR: (OPERID) _____
          _____
          _____
          _____
          _____
          COB: (OPERID) _____
          _____
          _____

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F5=UPDATE F7=BWD F12=EXIT
    
```

### Explanation of Screen

ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2	
Field Name	Description
CNTR NBR.	Five-digit number identifying the Medicare contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
BENE	Name of beneficiary in first name/middle initial/last name format ( <i>protected field</i> )
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for beneficiary ( <i>protected field</i> )

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by contractor to correspondence and/or paperwork associated with this transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
INSURER NAME	Name of insurance carrier for MSP coverage
INS TYPE	One-character code for type of insurance ( <i>required field</i> ). Valid values are: J Hospital Only K Medical Only A Other Types
STREET	First and second lines of insurer's street address
CITY	Insurer's city
ST	Insurer's state
ZIP	Insurer's ZIP code
GROUP NO	Group number of insurance coverage
POLICY NO	Policy number of insurance coverage
INSURED NAME	Name of individual covered by this insurance in first name/middle initial/last name format
INS REL	One-character code indicating relationship between person covered by insurance and beneficiary. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: B Beneficiary C Child E Employer F Father I Insurer M Mother N Non-relative O Other relative P Provider S Spouse U Unknown
<b>PHP DATE</b>	<b>Pre-paid Health Plan date in MMDDCCYY</b>
REMARKS	Two-character CWF remark code explaining reason for transaction. Enter up to three remark codes.
DIAG	Five-digit diagnosis code that applies to this MSP occurrence. Enter up to five diagnosis codes.
CLAIMS PENDING	One-character field indicating whether claims were pending while waiting for this request to be posted to CWF. Valid values are: N No Y Yes

ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2	
Field Name	Description
<i>COMMENTS</i>	
<b>CNTR</b>	Identification number of updating operator preceded by free-form text field allowing Medicare contractors to send special notes to COB contractor. <i>Protected field</i> when COB contractor adds a comment.
<b>COB</b>	Identification number of updating operator preceded by free-form text field for COB contractor's comments on Medicare contractor or last comment added in CARS. <i>Protected field</i> when Medicare contractor adds a comment.

**Process**

1. Type data in the INS TYPE field, the only required field on the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail, Page 2 of 2 screen.
2. Type data in the fields required by the action code(s) typed in the ACTION(S) field on the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail, Page 1 of 2 screen. The table below lists action codes and corresponding required fields not mentioned above.

Action Code	Required Fields
II	INSURER NAME, STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP, GROUP NO, POLICY NO, INSURED NAME, INS REL (insurer information)  <b>Note:</b> Type data in <i>all</i> fields to update insurer information at CWF. Leave <i>all</i> fields blank to delete insurer information at CWF.
DX	DIAG (diagnosis codes, enter up to five)
<b>PH</b>	<b>PHP DATE</b>

3. After typing data in all of the required fields, press [PF5]. The system adds or updates the transaction, then displays the message, "TRANSACTION SUCCESSFULLY UPDATED."

**Transportation**

<b><i>ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2</i></b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu
03	Return to previous level
05	Add/update assistance request
07	Page backward to first page of screen
12	Exit ECRS

# ECRS CWF Assistance Request List Screen

## Introduction

Medicare contractors use the ECRS CWF Assistance Request List screen to check the progress of a request transaction through the COB system. If the system finds any records in the COB database for the contractor that match the search criteria entered, the ECRS CWF Assistance Request List screen displays the transaction information for those records sorted by HICN, Contractor Number, Status, Last Update, User ID, and DCN.

Medicare contractors can also use this screen to delete new requests (in status NW) before the requests are processed by COB.

## Access

From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type **02** in the SELECTION field, and type the search criteria in the appropriate fields. Press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS CWF Assistance Request List screen, as shown in the example below.

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          ECRS CWF ASSISTANCE REQUEST LIST
USER ID: _____ STATUS: __ LAST UPDATED FROM: _____ THROUGH: _____

CNTR NBR: _____ HICN: _____ DCN: _____

SEL HICN      CNTR      DCN          ST RS      ORGIN DT  LST UPDATE  USER ID
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
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-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999 99-99-9999 XXXXXXXX

ENTER S IN SEL FIELD TO VIEW DETAILED INFO FOR THE TRANSACTION OR D TO DELETE

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F5=UPDATE F7=BWD F8=FWD F12=EXIT
    
```

**Note:** From this screen, you can change or delete the search criteria to initiate a new search. You can perform searches using criteria in any of the following combinations:

- User ID
- User ID, Status
- User ID, Last Updated From
- User ID, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Status, Last Updated From
- User ID, Status, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- Status
- Status, Last Updated From
- Status, Last Updated Through
- Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through

- Last Updated From
- Last Updated Through
- Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- HICN
- HICN, Last Updated From
- HICN, Last Updated Through
- HICN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- DCN
- DCN, Last Updated From
- DCN, Last Updated Through
- DCN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through

**CMS Users:** In addition to all of the criteria listed above, you can also perform searches using Contractor Number, as well as Contractor Number added to any other valid combination.

### Explanation of Screen

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request List Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
USER ID	User ID entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different User ID to perform additional searches.
STATUS	Status entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Status to perform additional searches. To view all open request transactions, type <b>OP</b> in the STATUS field and press [Enter].
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different From date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
THROUGH	Ending date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Through date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
<b>CNTR NBR</b>	<p><b>Medicare Contractors:</b> Contractor number entered on login screen (<i>protected field</i>)</p> <p><b>CMS Users:</b> Type appropriate contractor number to view request transactions for a specific contractor.</p>
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different HICN to perform additional searches.
DCN	Medicare contractor-assigned Document Control Number entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different DCN to perform additional searches.
SEL	Selection field. Type <b>S</b> in this field and press [Enter] to transport to the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen. Type <b>D</b> in this field and press [PF5] to mark a new (status NW) request transaction for deletion.
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for request transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>CNTR</b>	<b>Contractor number (<i>protected field</i>)</b>

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request List Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
DCN	Document Control Number assigned to request transaction by Medicare contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
ST	Status of request transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
RS	Reason of request transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>ORGIN DT</b>	<b>Originating date in MM-DD-CCYY format (<i>protected field</i>)</b>
LST UPDATE	Date request transaction was last changed in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )
USER ID	User ID of operator who entered request transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )

**Process**

<b>If you want to...</b>	<b>Follow these instructions:</b>
View detailed information	Type <b>S</b> in the SEL field next to the transaction for which you want to view detailed information. Press [Enter]. The system displays the first page of the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen for the selected transaction.
Delete a new (status NW) request	Type <b>D</b> in the SEL field next to the new (status NW) request transaction you want to delete. Press [PF5]. The system marks the request transaction for deletion.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS CWF Assistance Request List Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is retained
05	Mark request transactions that have <b>D</b> in the SEL field for deletion
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS

## ECRS Document Copies Request Screen

### Introduction

The ECRS Document Copies Request screen allows you to submit requests to the COB contractor for copies of documents related to a specific Data Match or MSP occurrence.

### Access

**Note:** The ECRS Document Copies Request screen is for Medicare contractors only. CMS users do not have access to this screen.

From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type 03 in the SELECTION field and press [Enter]. The

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ECRS DOCUMENT COPIES REQUEST
CNTR NO. 99999          PHONE: ___-___-___          DCN: _____
CNTR REP.: _____          USER ID XXXXXXXX

SEND TO: _____
          _____
          _____
          _____

DOCUMENT REQUESTED: ____ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

BENE HICN: _____          SSN: ___ - ___ - ___          SOURCE: _____
NAME: _____
STREET: _____
CITY: _____          ST: ___ ZIP: _____

MSP TYPE: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX          EFF DT: _____          TERM DT: _____

EMPLR NAME: _____          EIN: _____

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F5=UPDATE F12=EXIT
    
```

system displays the ECRS Document Copies Request screen, as shown in the example below.

### Explanation of Screen

ECRS Document Copies Request Screen	
Field Name	Description
CNTR NO.	Five-digit number identifying the Medicare contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
PHONE	Phone number of contractor representative ( <i>required field</i> )
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by contractor to correspondence and/or paperwork associated with this request ( <i>required field</i> )
CNTR REP.	Name of contractor representative to contact for further information and/or clarification regarding this request ( <i>required field</i> )
USER ID	User ID of operator who entered document copy request ( <i>protected field</i> )

<b>ECRS Document Copies Request Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
SEND TO	Name and address of recipient or other instructions regarding where document copies should be sent ( <i>required field</i> )
DOCUMENT REQUESTED	Four-character code indicating documents requested ( <i>required field</i> ). Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are:  DEVL Copy of all development (letters and questionnaires) related to coverage indicated DMQ Copy of Data Match questionnaire RLSE Copy of attorney release form TRMA Copy of all documents related to trauma case indicated
BENE HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for beneficiary ( <i>required field</i> ). Type HICN without dashes, spaces, or other special characters.
SSN	Social Security Number for beneficiary
SOURCE	Source for related MSP occurrence. <i>Required field</i> if document requested is DMQ (Data Match questionnaire).
NAME	Name of beneficiary in first name/middle initial/last name format ( <i>required field</i> )
STREET	First and second lines of beneficiary's street address
CITY	Beneficiary's city
ST	Beneficiary's state
ZIP	Beneficiary's ZIP code
MSP TYPE	One-character code identifying type of MSP coverage ( <i>required field</i> ). Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are:  A Working Aged B ESRD C Conditional Payment D Automobile Insurance, No Fault E Workers' Compensation F Federal (Public) G Disabled H Black Lung I Veterans L Liability
EFF DT	Effective date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>required field</i> )
TERM DT	Termination date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format
EMPLR NAME	Name of employer providing group health insurance under which beneficiary is covered
EIN	Employer Identification Number. <i>Required field</i> if document requested is DMQ (Data Match questionnaire).

## Process

1. Type data in all of the required fields on the ECRS Document Copies Request screen. To determine required fields on this screen, see the field descriptions on pages 22 to 23. After you type data in one field, press [Tab] to move the cursor to the next field.
2. After typing data in all of the required fields, press [PF5]. The system sends the document copy request, then displays the message, "REQUEST HAS BEEN SENT."

## Transportation

<i>ECRS Document Copies Request Screen</i>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu
03	Return to previous level
05	Send document copy request
12	Exit ECRS

## ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2

### Introduction

The ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen allows you to enter, view, and update an ECRS inquiry transaction. You can only update inquiry transactions if the inquiry transaction is in NW (new) status, meaning the COB system has not yet started processing the information.

transactions for *changes to existing coverage rows*, use the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen (selection 01 from the main menu), not this screen.

Contractors receive MSP information from the following sources:

- Letters from beneficiaries or other informants
- Phone calls

### Access

Use the chart below to locate the appropriate action.

If you are a...	Follow these steps:
Medicare contractor	From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type <b>04</b> in the SELECTION field and press [Enter].
CMS user	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type <b>05</b> in the SELECTION field and press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS MSP Inquiry List screen.</li> <li>2. Type <b>S</b> in the SEL field next to the transaction for which you want to view detailed information and press [Enter].</li> </ol>

The system displays the first page of the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen, as shown in the example below.

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ECRS MSP INQUIRY DETAIL                                PAGE 1 OF 2
CNTR NBR. 99999  PHONE:  - - -  USER ID XXXXXXXX  ORIG DT: 99-99-9999
CNTR REP.:  _____  STATUS XX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
                DCN: _____  REASON XX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
                SOURCE: _____  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
BENE HICN: _____  SSN:  - - -  DOB: _____  SEX:  -
  NAME: _____  PAT REL:  _  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
MSP TYPE:  _  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  EFF DT: _____  TERM DT: _____
SEND TO CWF? (Y/N)  _
BENE STRT: _____
  CITY: _____  ST:  _  ZIP: _____ - _____  PHONE:  - - - -
SUBSCBR: _____ - _____
INFMT NAME: _____  PHONE:  - - - -
  ADDR: _____
  CITY: _____  ST:  _  ZIP: _____ - _____  INFMT REL:  _  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
EMPLR NAME: _____  EIN: _____
  STREET: _____
  CITY: _____  ST:  _  ZIP: _____ - _____  EMPLOYEE NO: _____

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F8=FWD F12=EXIT
    
```

### Explanation of Screen

ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2	
Field Name	Description
CNTR NBR.	Contractor number entered on login screen ( <i>protected field</i> )
PHONE	Phone number of contractor representative ( <i>protected field</i> )
USER ID	User ID of operator who entered inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
ORIG DT	Originating date in MM-DD-CCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )
CNTR REP.	Name of contractor representative to contact for further information or clarification regarding inquiry ( <i>protected field</i> )
STATUS	Two-character code explaining where inquiry transaction is in the COB system process ( <i>protected field</i> ). Description of status code displays next to value. Valid values are:  CM Completed DE Delete (do not process) ECRS inquiry transaction IP In process, being edited by COB NW New, not yet read by COB
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by contractor to correspondence and/or paperwork associated with transaction ( <i>required field</i> )

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
REASON	<p>Two-character code explaining why the inquiry is in a particular status (<i>protected field</i>). Description of reason code displays next to value. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Not yet read by COB, used with NW status</li> <li>02 Being processed by COB, used with IP status</li> <li>03 Under development by COB, used with IP status</li> <li>04 Update sent to CWF, used with IP status</li> <li>05 Error received from CWF, being resolved by COB contractor, used with IP status</li> <li>50 Posted to CWF, response received with no errors, used with CM status</li> <li>51 No changes (additions, modifications, or deletions) made to CWF, used with CM status</li> <li>52 Returned—rejected by CWF, used with CM status</li> <li>53 Returned—duplicate ECRS request, used with CM status</li> <li><b>61 No Part A entitlement</b></li> </ul>
SOURCE	<p>Four-character code identifying source of inquiry information (<i>required field</i>). Description of source code displays next to value. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BX10 Information in Box 10 of claim</li> <li>CHEK Unsolicited check</li> <li>DVLP Information received in response to development initiated by Medicare contractor</li> <li>LTTR Letter</li> <li>PHON Phone call</li> <li>SCLM Claim submitted to Medicare contractor for secondary payment</li> </ul>
BENE HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number of beneficiary. Type HICN without dashes, spaces, or other special characters.
SSN	Social Security Number of beneficiary
DOB	Beneficiary’s date of birth
SEX	<p>Sex of beneficiary. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M Male</li> <li>F Female</li> <li>U Unknown</li> </ul>
NAME	Name of beneficiary in first name/middle initial/last name format. First and last names are <i>required fields</i> .
PAT REL	<p>Patient relationship between policy holder and beneficiary. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Beneficiary is policy holder</li> <li>2 Spouse</li> <li>3 Child</li> <li>4 Other</li> </ul>

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
MSP TYPE	One-character code identifying type of MSP coverage. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: A Working Aged B ESRD C Conditional Payment D Automobile Insurance, No Fault E Workers' Compensation F Federal (Public Health) G Disabled H Black Lung I Veterans L Liability
EFF DT	Effective date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format, <b>cannot equal termination date</b>
TERM DT	Termination date of MSP coverage in MMDDCCYY format, <b>cannot equal effective date</b>
<b>SEND TO CWF? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Indicates whether to send inquiry to CWF. Valid values are:</b> Y Send to CWF (default unless INFMT REL = D, in which case default is N and this is a <i>protected field</i> ) N Do not send to CWF
BENE STRT	First and second lines of beneficiary's street address
CITY	Beneficiary's city
ST	Beneficiary's state
ZIP	Beneficiary's ZIP code
PHONE	Beneficiary's telephone number
SUBSCBR	Name of person (in first name/middle initial/last name format) under whose coverage beneficiary is receiving Medicare benefits
INFMT NAME	Name of person (in first name/middle initial/last name format) informing contractor of change in MSP coverage
PHONE	Informant's telephone number
STREET	First and second lines of informant's street address
CITY	Informant's city
ST	Informant's state
ZIP	Informant's ZIP code

ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2	
Field Name	Description
INFMT REL	One-character code indicating relationship of informant to beneficiary. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: A Attorney representing beneficiary B Beneficiary C Child <b>D Defendant's attorney</b> E Employer F Father I Insurer M Mother N Non-relative O Other relative P Provider R Beneficiary representative (other than attorney) S Spouse U Unknown
EMPLR NAME	Name of employer providing group health insurance under which beneficiary is covered
EIN	Employer Identification Number
STREET	Employer's street address
CITY	Employer's city
ST	Employer's state
ZIP	Employer's ZIP code
EMPLOYEE NO	Employee number of policy holder

**Process**

1. 

After you type data in one field, press [Tab] to move the cursor to the next field.

SOURCE Code	Required Fields
BX10	<b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , BENE HICN, <b>NAME</b> or <b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , NAME, BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP
CHEK	<b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , BENE HICN, <b>NAME</b> or <b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , SSN, <b>NAME</b> , BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP
DVLP	<b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , BENE HICN, <b>NAME</b> , MSP TYPE, EFF DT, PAT REL or <b>DCN, SOURCE</b> , NAME, BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP, MSP TYPE, EFF DT, PAT REL

SOURCE Code	Required Fields
LTTR	DCN, SOURCE, BENE HICN, NAME, INFMT NAME, ADDR, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT REL or DCN, SOURCE, SSN, NAME, BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT NAME, ADDR, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT REL
PHON	DCN, SOURCE, BENE HICN, NAME, MSP TYPE, INFMT NAME, ADDR, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT REL or DCN, SOURCE, SSN, NAME, BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP, MSP TYPE, INFMT NAME, ADDR, CITY, ST, ZIP, INFMT REL
SCLM	DCN, SOURCE, BENE HICN, NAME or DCN, SOURCE, NAME, BENE STRT, CITY, ST, ZIP

2. After typing data in all of the required fields, press [PF8]. The system displays the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail, Page 2 of 2 screen.

### Transportation

<i>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 1 of 2</i>	
PF Key	Function
02	Return to ECRS main menu
03	Return to previous level
08	Page forward to second page of screen
12	Exit ECRS

# ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2

## Introduction

The ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen allows you to enter, view, and update an ECRS inquiry transaction. You can only update inquiry transactions if the inquiry transaction is in NW (new) status, meaning the COB system has not yet started processing the information.

transactions for *changes to existing coverage rows*, use the ECRS CWF Assistance Request Detail screen (selection 01 from the main menu), not this screen.

Contractors receive MSP information from the following sources:

- Letters from beneficiaries or other informants
- Phone calls

## Access

From the first page of the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen, press [PF8]. The system displays the second page of the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen, as shown in the example below.

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ECRS MSP INQUIRY DETAIL                                PAGE 2 OF 2
CNTR NBR. 99999          BENE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX X XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
HICN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX   DCN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
INSURER NAME: _____ INS TYPE: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
STREET: _____
CITY: _____ ST: __ ZIP: _____
GROUP NO: _____ POLICY NO: _____
INSURED NAME: _____ INS REL: __ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

DIAG: _____
ILLNESS/INJURY DT: _____ DESC: _____
BENE REP NAME: _____ STRT: _____
CITY: _____ ST: __ ZIP: _____ - _____ REP TYPE: _ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

DIALYSIS TRAIN DT: _____ BLACK LUNG BENEFITS: _ EFF DT: _____
CLAIMS PENDING: _
COMMENTS: CNTR: _____
COB: _____

F2=MENU F3=RETURN F5=UPDATE F7=BWD F12=EXIT

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## Explanation of Screen

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
CNTR NBR.	Five-digit number identifying the Medicare contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
BENE	Name of beneficiary in first name/middle initial/last name format ( <i>protected field</i> )
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for beneficiary ( <i>protected field</i> )
DCN	Document Control Number assigned by contractor to correspondence and/or paperwork associated with this transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
INSURER NAME	Name of insurance carrier for MSP coverage
INS TYPE	One-character code for type of insurance ( <i>required field</i> ). Valid values are: J Hospital Only K Medical Only A Other Types
STREET	First and second lines of insurer's street address
CITY	Insurer's city
ST	Insurer's state
ZIP	Insurer's ZIP code
GROUP NO	Group number of insurance coverage
POLICY NO	Policy number of insurance coverage
INSURED NAME	Name of individual covered by this insurance in first name/middle initial/last name format
INS REL	One-character code indicating relationship between person covered by insurance and beneficiary. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: B Beneficiary C Child E Employer F Father I Insurer M Mother N Non-relative O Other relative P Provider S Spouse U Unknown
REP TYPE	One-character code indicating type of relationship between beneficiary and his/her representative. Description of code displays next to value. Valid values are: A Attorney R Representative (individual not acting as attorney)

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
DIAG	Five-digit diagnosis code that applies to this MSP occurrence. Enter up to five diagnosis codes.
ILLNESS/INJURY DT	Date illness or injury occurred for workers' compensation, automobile, or liability coverage (in MMDDCCYY format)
DESC	Brief description of accident or illness for workers' compensation, automobile, or liability coverage
BENE REP NAME	Name of individual representing beneficiary in a workers' compensation, automobile, or liability insurance case in first name/middle initial/last name format
STRT	Beneficiary representative's street
CITY	Beneficiary representative's city
ST	Beneficiary representative's state
ZIP	Beneficiary representative's ZIP code
DIALYSIS TRAIN DT	Date beneficiary received self-dialysis training (in MMDDCCYY format)
BLACK LUNG BENEFITS	One-character code indicating whether beneficiary receives benefits under the Black Lung Program. Valid values are:  N No Y Yes
EFF DT	Date beneficiary began receiving benefits under the Black Lung Program in MMDDCCYY format. This field is only valid when BLACK LUNG BENEFITS field value is Y.
CLAIMS PENDING	One-character field indicating whether claims were pending while waiting for this inquiry to be posted to CWF. Valid values are:  N No Y Yes
<i>COMMENTS</i>	
<b>CNTR</b>	Identification number of updating operator preceded by free-form text field allowing Medicare contractors to send special notes to COB contractor. <i>Protected field</i> when COB contractor adds a comment.
<b>COB</b>	Identification number of updating operator preceded by free-form text field allowing COB contractor to comment on Medicare contractor. <i>Protected field</i> when Medicare contractor adds a comment.

**Process**

1. Type data in the appropriate fields.
2. After typing data in all of the appropriate fields, press [PF5]. The system adds or updates the inquiry transaction, then displays the message, "TRANSACTION SUCCESSFULLY UPDATED."

## Transportation

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screen, Page 2 of 2</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu
03	Return to previous level
05	Add/update inquiry transaction
07	Page backward to first page of screen
12	Exit ECRS

# ECRS MSP Inquiry List Screen

## Introduction

Medicare contractors use the ECRS MSP Inquiry List screen to check the progress of an inquiry transaction through the COB system. If the system finds any records in the COB database for the contractor that match the search criteria entered, the ECRS MSP Inquiry List screen displays the transaction information for those records sorted by HICN, **Contractor Number**, Status, Last Update, User ID, and DCN.

Medicare contractors can also use this screen to delete new inquiries (in status NW) before the inquiries are processed by COB.

## Access

From the COB ECRS main menu screen, type **05** in the SELECTION field, and type the search criteria in the appropriate fields. Press [Enter]. The system displays the ECRS MSP Inquiry List screen, as shown in the example below.

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          ECRS MSP INQUIRY LIST
USER ID: _____ STATUS: __ LAST UPDATED FROM: _____ THROUGH: _____
CNTR NBR: _____ HICN: _____ DCN: _____

SEL HICN          CNTR   DCN              ST RS   ORGIN DT   LST UPDATE  USER ID
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
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-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX
-  XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  XX XX  99-99-9999  99-99-9999  XXXXXXXXX

ENTER S IN SEL FIELD TO VIEW DETAILED INFO FOR THE TRANSACTION OR D TO DELETE

          F2=MENU F3=RETURN F5=UPDATE F7=BWD F8=FWD F12=EXIT
    
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**Note:** From this screen, you can change or delete the search criteria to initiate a new search. You can perform searches using criteria in any of the following combinations:

- User ID
- User ID, Status
- User ID, Last Updated From
- User ID, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Status, Last Updated From
- User ID, Status, Last Updated Through
- User ID, Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- Status
- Status, Last Updated From
- Status, Last Updated Through
- Status, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through

- Last Updated From
- Last Updated Through
- Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- HICN
- HICN, Last Updated From
- HICN, Last Updated Through
- HICN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through
- DCN
- DCN, Last Updated From
- DCN, Last Updated Through
- DCN, Last Updated From, Last Updated Through

**CMS Users:** In addition to all of the criteria listed above, you can also perform searches using Contractor Number, as well as Contractor Number added to any other valid combination.

### Explanation of Screen

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry List Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
USER ID	User ID entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different User ID to perform additional searches.
STATUS	Status entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Status to perform additional searches. To view all open inquiry transactions, type <b>OP</b> in the STATUS field and press [Enter].
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different From date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
THROUGH	Ending date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Through date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
<b>CNTR NBR</b>	<p><b>Medicare Contractors:</b> Contractor number entered on login screen (<i>protected field</i>)</p> <p><b>CMS Users:</b> Type appropriate contractor number to view inquiry transactions for a specific contractor.</p>
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different HICN to perform additional searches.
DCN	Medicare contractor-assigned Document Control Number entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different DCN to perform additional searches.
SEL	Selection field. Type <b>S</b> in this field and press [Enter] to transport to the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen. Type <b>D</b> in this field and press [PF5] to mark a new (status NW) inquiry transaction for deletion.
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>CNTR</b>	<b>Contractor number (<i>protected field</i>)</b>

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry List Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
DCN	Document Control Number assigned to inquiry transaction by Medicare contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
ST	Status of inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
RS	Reason of inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>ORGIN DT</b>	<b>Originating date in MM-DD-CCYY format (<i>protected field</i>)</b>
LST UPDATE	Date inquiry transaction was last changed in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )
USER ID	User ID of operator who entered inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )

**Process**

<b>If you want to...</b>	<b>Follow these instructions:</b>
View detailed information	Type <b>S</b> in the SEL field next to the transaction for which you want to view detailed information. Press [Enter]. The system displays the first page of the ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail screen for the selected transaction.
Delete a new (status NW) inquiry	Type <b>D</b> in the SEL field next to the new (status NW) inquiry transaction you want to delete. Press [PF5]. The system marks the inquiry transaction for deletion.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS MSP Inquiry List Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is retained
05	Mark inquiry transactions that have <b>D</b> in the SEL field for deletion
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS



<b>ECRS MSP Lead Contractor Assignment Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>CNTR</b>	<b>Medicare Contractors:</b> Contractor number entered on login screen ( <i>protected field</i> )  <b>CMS Users:</b> Type appropriate contractor number to search for assignment records for a specific contractor.
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different From date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
THROUGH	Ending date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Through date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for inquiry transaction ( <i>protected field</i> )
BENEFICIARY	First 15 characters of last name and first initial of beneficiary for case assigned to contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
TYPE	MSP type for case assigned to contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
EFF DATE	Effective date of MSP coverage case assigned to contractor ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>ORIGN DATE</b>	<b>Originating date in MMDDCCYY format (<i>protected field</i>)</b>

**Process**

Press [PF7] or [PF8] to scroll through the list of HICNs assigned to the lead contractor.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS MSP Lead Contractor Assignment Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is retained
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS



<b>ECRS Developing Contractors for Lead Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>ORIGN DATE</b>	Originating date in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )
<i>(DEVELOPING CONTRACTORS)</i>	
NUMBER	Contractor number of other Medicare contractors that may be interested or involved in the case assigned ( <i>protected field</i> )
NAME	Name of other Medicare contractors that may be interested or involved in the case assigned ( <i>protected field</i> )
PHONE	Phone number for other Medicare contractors that may be interested or involved in the case assigned ( <i>protected field</i> )

**Process**

Press [PF7] or [PF8] to scroll through the list of developing contractors for a specific case. Press [Enter] to view the next lead contractor assignment.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS Developing Contractors for Lead Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS MSP Lead Contractor Assignment screen
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS



<b>ECRS MSP Developing Contractor Notification Screen</b>	
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different From date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
THROUGH	Ending date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Through date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for case ( <i>protected field</i> )
BENEFICIARY	First 15 characters of last name and first initial of beneficiary for case ( <i>protected field</i> )
TYPE	MSP type for case ( <i>protected field</i> )
EFF DATE	Effective date of MSP coverage case ( <i>protected field</i> )
<b>ORIGN DATE</b>	<b>Originating date in MMDDCCYY format (<i>protected field</i>)</b>
LEAD	Contractor number of Medicare contractor assigned as lead for case ( <i>protected field</i> )

**Process**

Routinely check this screen to view new notifications.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS MSP Developing Contractor Notification Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is retained
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS



<b>ECRS MSP Changed Record Notification Screen</b>							
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Description</b>						
LAST UPDATED FROM	Starting date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different From date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.						
THROUGH	Ending date of date range entered as search criteria, if applicable. This field is updateable; enter a different Through date in MMDDCCYY format to perform additional searches.						
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number for case ( <i>protected field</i> )						
BENEFICIARY	First 15 characters of last name and first initial of beneficiary for case ( <i>protected field</i> )						
TYPE	MSP type for case ( <i>protected field</i> )						
EFF DATE	Effective date of MSP coverage case ( <i>protected field</i> )						
LAST UPDATE	Date notification record was last changed in MMDDCCYY format ( <i>protected field</i> )						
ACTION	Action performed by COB Contractor on this occurrence ( <i>protected field</i> ). Valid values are:  <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ADDED</td> <td>New occurrence added to CWF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DELETED</td> <td>Occurrence deleted from CWF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UPDATED</td> <td>Occurrence updated on CWF</td> </tr> </table>	ADDED	New occurrence added to CWF	DELETED	Occurrence deleted from CWF	UPDATED	Occurrence updated on CWF
ADDED	New occurrence added to CWF						
DELETED	Occurrence deleted from CWF						
UPDATED	Occurrence updated on CWF						

**Process**

Routinely check this screen to view new notifications.

**Transportation**

<b>ECRS MSP Changed Record Notification Screen</b>	
<b>PF Key</b>	<b>Function</b>
02	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is not retained
03	Return to ECRS main menu, current search criteria is retained
07	Scroll backward
08	Scroll forward
12	Exit ECRS

**Notes:**

## ECRS CICS Messages

This chapter contains a chart of ECRS CICS error messages. The chart also provides you with actions to take to resolve the errors.

### ECRS CICS Error Message Chart

Message	Action
ACTION DO CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER ACTIONS	Correct action codes.
ACTION VP CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER ACTIONS	Correct action codes.
ALL EMPLOYER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EI (Employer Information) ACTION	Enter employer name and full address (street, city, state, and ZIP code).
AT LEAST 1 ACTION CODE MUST BE ENTERED	Enter one or more action codes.
CANNOT SPECIFY S AND D SIMULTANEOUSLY	Correct the SEL field to either <b>Select</b> a transaction or <b>Delete</b> a transaction.
CANNOT USE MULTIPLE SEARCH SELECTIONS	Correct search criteria.
CLAIMS PENDING MUST BE Y OR N	Enter <b>Y</b> (yes) or <b>N</b> (no) for claims pending.
CONTRACTOR NUMBER ENTERED NOT FOUND	Enter valid contractor number.
CONTRACTOR NUMBER REQUIRED	Enter valid contractor number.
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY OR DIAGNOSIS CODE REQUIRED	Enter description of injury or valid diagnosis code.
DIAGNOSIS REQUIRED FOR DX (Change Diagnosis Code) ACTION	Enter valid diagnosis code.
DOB MUST BE LESS THAN CURRENT DATE	Enter valid date of birth.
ECRS TRANSACTION HAS BEEN TERMINATED	N/A
EFF DATE CANNOT BE GREATER THAN CURRENT DATE	Enter valid effective date.
EFF DATE CANNOT BE GREATER THAN TERM DATE	Enter valid effective date.
FIRST PAGE DISPLAYED	N/A
FOR DATA MATCH EIN IS REQUIRED	Enter employer's EIN.
FOR DATA MATCH EMPLOYEE NUMBER IS REQUIRED	Enter employee number.
FROM DATE CANNOT BE GREATER THAN THROUGH DATE	Correct either From date or Through date.
FUNCTION KEY NOT ACTIVE	N/A
HICN MUST BE AT LEAST 9 CHARACTERS	Enter valid HICN.
HIGHLIGHTED FIELDS ARE REQUIRED FOR SOURCE OF XXXX (Source Type)	Enter valid values in highlighted fields or change source type.
INSURER INFO REQUIRED FOR II (Insurer Information) ACTION	Enter full address for insurer (street, city, state, and ZIP code).

Message	Action
INSURER NAME REQUIRED FOR II (Insurer Information) ACTION	Enter insurer name.
INVALID ACCESS CODE FOR SPECIFIED CONTRACTOR	Enter valid access code.
INVALID COMBINATION OF SEARCH CRITERIA	Change search criteria or selection.
INVALID DATE – PLEASE ENTER MMDDCCYY FORMAT	Enter valid date in MMDDCCYY format.
INVALID DATE ENTERED	Enter valid date in MMDDCCYY format.
INVALID DATE FORMAT – PLEASE RE-ENTER MMDDCCYY	Enter valid date in MMDDCCYY format.
INVALID KEY WAS ENTERED	N/A
INVALID SELECTION ENTERED	Enter valid selection.
INVALID XXXXXXXX (Field Name)	Enter valid value for field specified.
LAST PAGE DISPLAYED	N/A
MORE THAN ONE REQUEST FOR DETAIL INFORMATION WAS FOUND	Type <b>S</b> and press [Enter] for only one record at a time.
NO PROCESSING REQUESTED	N/A
NO RECORDS FOUND MEETING SEARCH CRITERIA	Modify search criteria and initiate new search.
PLEASE CORRECT HIGHLIGHTED FIELDS	Correct entries in highlighted fields.
PLEASE CORRECT STATUS FIELD	Enter valid status code.
PLEASE SPECIFY AT LEAST ONE SEARCH CRITERIA	Enter at least one search value.
PRESS ENTER TO SELECT	Type <b>S</b> and press [Enter] to request detailed information for a transaction.
PRESS PF5 TO SEND REQUEST	Press [PF5] to transmit document copy request.
PRESS PF5 TO UPDATE TRANSACTION	Press [PF5] to update transaction.
PRESS PF8 TO CONTINUE	Press [PF8].
RECORD CANNOT BE DELETED	Correct value in SEL field for highlighted transactions; you can only delete records in new (NW) status.
REQUEST HAS BEEN SENT	N/A
SSN REQUIRED FOR MX (SSN/HICN Mismatch) ACTION	Enter valid SSN.
TERM DATE REQUIRED FOR TD ACTION	Enter termination date.
TRANSACTION <b>COMPLETED</b> SUCCESSFULLY	N/A
USE S TO REQUEST DETAILED INFORMATION	Type <b>S</b> and press [Enter] to request detailed information for a transaction.
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) IS INVALID	Enter valid value for field specified.
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) IS REQUIRED	Enter value for field specified.

<b>Message</b>	<b>Action</b>
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) MUST BE NUMERIC	Change value in field specified to numbers only.
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) NOT NUMERIC	Change value in field specified to numbers only.
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) REQUIRED FOR DOCUMENT REQUEST OF XXXX (Request Type)	Enter valid value for field specified or change request type.
XXXXXXXX (Field Name) SEARCH CRITERIA INVALID FOR SELECTION	Change search criteria or selection.
XXXXXXXXXX (Field Name) REQUIRED FOR SOURCE OF XXXX (Source Type)	Enter valid value in field specified or change source type.

**Notes:**

## Glossary

<b>Action Codes</b>	Used to determine what information should be changed at CWF. For example, if the action code is MT, the system updates information in the MSP TYPE field at CWF.
<b>Bene</b>	Medicare beneficiary
<b>COB</b>	Coordination of Benefits is a written statement that tells which plan or insurance policy pays first if two health plans or insurance policies cover the same benefits. If one of the plans is a Medicare health plan, federal law may decide who pays first.
<b>CMS</b>	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services, formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration, the federal agency that administers the Medicare program
<b>CWF</b>	Common Working File, the Medicare Part A/Part B benefit coordination system that uses localized databases maintained by a host contractor
<b>Data Match</b>	Process by which information on employers and employees is analyzed by CMS for use in contacting employers concerning possible periods of MSP
<b>DCN</b>	Document Control Number
<b>Developing Contractor</b>	Contractor that may have an interest or involvement in an MSP case that was assigned to another contractor for coordination of Medicare activities
<b>ECRS</b>	Electronic Correspondence Referral System allows Medicare contractors to enter requests online through CICS screens to change Data Match and IEQ MSP records on CWF. Request transactions are sent to the COB contractor, where a batch process reads the transactions and processes the requests.
<b>EIN</b>	Employer Identification Number
<b>HICN</b>	Health Insurance Claim Number
<b>IEQ</b>	Initial Enrollment Questionnaire, used to gather Medicare Secondary Payer information for newly-eligible beneficiaries
<b>Inquiry Transaction</b>	Inquiry regarding possible MSP coverage, entered in ECRS
<b>Lead Contractor</b>	Main contractor coordinating Medicare activities for an MSP case with other

	contractors and insurance companies
<b>Medicare Contractor</b>	Organization contracting with CMS to process claims, pay for or provide medical services, or enhance the agency's capability to administer the Medicare program
<b>MSP</b>	Medicare Secondary Payer, statutory requirement that private or other government insurance plans or programs providing health care coverage of Medicare beneficiaries pay before Medicare
<b>Request Transactions</b>	Requests to change Data Match and IEQ MSP records at CWF, entered in ECRS
<b>SSN</b>	Social Security Number

### **Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) Version 3.0 Enhancements**

The following enhancements are included as part of version 3.0:

- **A new ECRS Logon Screen is displayed after the ECRS Splash Screen.**
  - ◆ Separate logon fields are provided for Medicare contractors and CMS users.
  - ◆ Information entered in representative name and phone number fields is captured and carried to the Common Working File (CWF) Referral, Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Inquiry, and Document Copy screens as long as the user is logged on to the ECRS system.
  - ◆ A bulletin board was added to display messages from the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC).
  
- **ECRS Main Menu:**
  - ◆ The access code was moved to the ECRS Logon Screen.
  - ◆ For CMS users, a contractor number can be entered in the contractor field to view requests and inquiries for any contractor. A contractor number is required to access the MSP Developing Contractor Notification Screen and MSP Changed Record Notification Screen.
  - ◆ For Medicare contractors, the contractor number displayed is pre-filled from the ECRS Logon Screen.
  
- **CWF Assistance Request Detail Screens:**
  - ◆ Originating date field is pre-filled by system.
  - ◆ Contractor representative and phone number fields are pre-filled from logon screen.
  - ◆ New actions were added:
    - + AI - Change attorney information by entering data in informant fields.
    - + EA - Request COBC to develop for employer address
    - + LR - Add duplicate liability record
    - + PH - Add Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) date
    - + RR - Generate copy of Right of Recovery Lead Contractor Letter
  - ◆ New reason codes were added:
    - + 10 - Not processing - Used for BOX 10 entries with status of Hold (HD)
    - + 54 - 100 or more threshold met
    - + 55 - 20 or more threshold met
    - + 56 - OBRA 93 doesn't apply - no update
    - + 57 - Record already updated
    - + 58 - Non Compliant Group Health Plan (GHP)
    - + 59 - Employer verified existing record – no update.
    - + 60 - Invalid Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN)
    - + 61 - No Part A entitlement

- + 62 - Case Closed - no response
  - + 63 - Development Complete – No MSP
  - + 64 - Letter Sent
  - ◆ Description for reason code 04 was changed from AT CWF to SENT TO CWF.
  - ◆ New status code Hold – HD was added.
  - ◆ An additional INFMT REL code of ‘D’ for Defendant’s Attorney was added.
  - ◆ PHP DATE field was added to page 2 of 2.
  - ◆ A comment field was added to allow the COBC to add/respond to comments. The operator ID of the person adding the comment for COBC or Medicare contractor is also saved on the referral.
- **ECRS MSP Inquiry Detail Screens:**
    - ◆ Originating date field is pre-filled by system.
    - ◆ Contractor Representative and phone number fields are pre-filled from logon screen.
    - ◆ An edit was added to not allow termination date to be equal to effective date.
    - ◆ New reason codes were added:
      - + 60 - Invalid HICN
      - + 61 - No Part A entitlement
      - + 62 - Aged for no response
      - + 63 - Development Complete – No MSP
    - ◆ An additional INFMT REL code of ‘D’ for Defendant’s Attorney was added.
    - ◆ A Yes/No Send to CWF field was added to allow contractors to indicate whether the inquiry should be sent to CWF. The indicator defaults to Y, unless the informant relationship is D (defendant’s attorney). In that case, the indicator defaults to N and cannot be over keyed.
    - ◆ On page 2 of 2 the REP TYPE field was repositioned to allow additional space for comments.
    - ◆ A comment field was added to allow the COBC to add/respond to comments. The operator ID of the person adding the comment for COBC or Medicare contractor is also saved on the inquiry.
- **ECRS MSP Inquiry List and ECRS CWF Assistance Request List Screens:**
    - ◆ Contractor Number and Originating Date columns were added.
    - ◆ Beneficiary Name column was removed.
    - ◆ A Contractor Number search field was added for CMS Users.
    - ◆ The lists of transactions are now sorted in HICN, Contractor Number, Status, Last Update, User ID, Document Control Number order.
- **ECRS MSP Lead Contractor Assignment Screen:**
    - ◆ A Contractor Number search field was added for CMS Users.
    - ◆ The Last Update field was changed to display Originating Date.
- **ECRS Developing Contractor For Lead Screen:**

- ◆ The Last Update field was change to display Originating Date.
- **ECRS MSP Developing Contractor Notification Screen:**
  - ◆ A Contractor Number search field was added for CMS Users.
  - ◆ The Last Update column was changed to display Originating Date.
- **ECRS MSP Changed Record Notification Screen:**
  - ◆ A Contractor Number search field was added for CMS Users.

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