
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Fraud Investigation Database (FID)

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to require all Medicare contractors to update all FID cases prior to the release of the re-designed FID system. The re-designed FID is targeted for implementation in March, 2001.

Currently, the FID requires users to choose among a list of values (LOV) for the following fields: allegation, source of information, subject type, and subject subtype. One of the LOVs available for selection was "other," and historically contractors have been able to key in unique LOV fields. However, this practice has ended, and in preparation for the conversion to the re-designed FID, HCFA has deleted the "other" value and added several new options to the LOVs.

CONTRACTOR ACTION NEEDED:

In order to provide accurate data, contractors must designate a value for all FID cases. The "other" values must be converted to an appropriate existing value for the identified fields. If an appropriate value is not available, the contractor FID user/manager must request that a new value be added to the available choices. This request must be made to the Medicare Fraud Information Specialist (MFIS) servicing the applicable contractor's jurisdiction. Upon approval from central office, the MFIS will then add the new FID value, which contractors must use immediately.

At the same time, contractors must enter any Office of Inspector General (OIG) case numbers that may be missing from cases accepted by the OIG in FY1999, FY2000, and FY2001. Also, any missing or inaccurate "overpayment calculated" and "overpayment recouped" fields in the contractor actions screen must be corrected for this same time period.

Contractors must complete the OIG number and overpayment corrections as well as the FID updates for conversion from "other" to the appropriate value no later than March 15, 2001. Failure to update "other" values or provide missing data may prevent the record from being crosswalked to the re-designed FID system. The contractor will need to manually re-enter any record that does not crossover.

The *effective date* for this PM is February 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is no later than March 15, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2001.

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