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# Program Memorandum

## Carriers

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### CHANGE REQUEST 1127

**SUBJECT: Revisions to DMERC Information Form (DIF): Immunosuppressive Drugs  
DMERC Form 08.02 (latest revision 7/25/95).**

The DMERC Information Form for Immunosuppressive Drugs is a form that collects additional data on the beneficiary before Medicare payment is made for immunosuppressive drugs.

This Program Memorandum (PM) is to request 4 additional fields be added to Question #5 on the DIF.

6. Whole organ pancreas, simultaneous with or subsequent to a kidney transplant.
7. Reserved for future use.
8. Reserved for future use.
9. Other.

**Rationale:**

Field 6 is to facilitate automated processing for the expanded national coverage policy (CIM §35-82) which was effective on July 1, 1999.

Fields 7 and 8 are suggested for future use to avoid major system changes when new types of covered transplants are added.

Field 9 is requested to allow suppliers to submit claims for patients that have not had a transplant of one of the specified organs for individual consideration or to submit claims for denial following a transplant of a noncovered organ.

**DMERC contractors should contact the appropriate lead regional office project officer with any questions regarding this operational PM.**

**The effective date for this PM is October 1, 2000.**

**The implementation date for this PM is October 1, 2000.**

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

**This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2001.**