
Program Memorandum Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 1805

SUBJECT: Common Working File (CWF) Changes Required for Processing Native American (NA) and Alaskan Native (AN) Railroad Retiree Claims

Section 432 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 extends payment effective July 1, 2001, to Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal facilities for the services of physician and non-physician practitioners furnished in hospitals and ambulatory care centers. TrailBlazer Health Enterprises has been selected to serve as the carrier for this project.

TrailBlazer has been instructed to hold any claims it receives for NA or AN railroad retirees treated at IHS or tribal facilities until changes to CWF can be made. These changes to CWF will be implemented January 1, 2002.

CWF has been instructed to bypass UR5242 if demonstration code 40 is present on the claim and the carrier ID is 00900 for NA and AN railroad retiree claims for services received on and after July 1, 2001.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 1, 2001.

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 August 9, 2002.

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