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SUBJECT: New Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) General Information Section Message Regarding Medicare Records for New Retirees, and Modification to Update the MSN Messages

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change request requires contractors to print a new General Information section message on the MSN. This message alerts beneficiaries with primary insurance through an employer/union group health plan other than Medicare, to call Medicare within 6 months of their retirement date to ensure that their records are accurate and up to date.

NEW / REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2008

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: JANUARY 7, 2008

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	21/50.38/ General Information Section
R	21/90.38/Seccion de Informacion General

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare administrative contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the contracting officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the contracting officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - Business Requirements

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Effective Date: January 1, 2008
Implementation Date: January 7, 2008

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This change request (CR) requires contractors to print a new General Information section message on the MSN. This message alerts beneficiaries with primary insurance through an employer/union group health plan other than Medicare, to call Medicare within 6 months of their retirement date to ensure that their records are accurate and up to date.

This CR also adds a number to a previously unnumbered General Information section message in the manual. Note: This is not a new message. This is simply a manual update and no action is required.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B M A C	D M M A C	F I I E R	C A R H I E R	R H H I S S	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
		F	M	V	C	I	M	S	W	F	
5841.1	Contractors and Shared-System Maintainers shall print message 38.22 listed below, twice a year, in the General Information section of all MSNs. This message shall be printed until further notice from CMS. English: 38.22- Planning to retire? Does your current insurance pay before Medicare pays? Call Medicare within the 6 months before you retire to update your records. Make sure your health care bills get paid correctly. Spanish: 38.22-¿Está planificando retirarse? ¿Su actual seguro de	X	X	X	X	X					

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		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	salud paga antes que Medicare? Favor de llamar a Medicare 6 meses antes que piensa retirarse para actualizar la información de su expediente. Asegúrese que sus facturas médicas se paguen correctamente.										
5841.2	Contractors shall be made aware of the MSN message numbering that has been added to an already- existing General Information section message in chapter 21 of the claims processing manual. Message 38.20 is a new number, but is not a new message. The numbering has been added for consistency purposes, but this is simply a manual update and no action is required.	X	X	X	X	X					

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	None.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION: N/A

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:

V. CONTACTS

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VI. FUNDING

A. *For Fiscal Intermediaries, Carriers, and the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC):*

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

B. *For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC):*

The Medicare administrative contractor (MAC) is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as changes to the MAC Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts specified in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the contracting officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the contracting officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

50.38 - General Information Section

(Rev. 1392, Issued: 12-14-07; Effective: 01-01-08; Implementation: 01-07-08)

38.3 - If you change your address, contact the Social Security Administration by calling 1-800-772-1213.

38.4 - You are at high risk for complications from the flu and it is very important that you get vaccinated. Please contact your health care provider for the flu vaccine.

38.5 - If you have not received your flu vaccine it is not too late. Please contact your health care provider about getting the vaccine.

38.6 - January is cervical cancer prevention month.

38.7 - The Pap test is the most effective way to screen for cervical cancer.

38.8 - Medicare helps pay for screening Pap tests once every two years.

38.9 - Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States. However, screening tests can find polyps before they become cancerous. They can also find cancer early when treatment works best. Medicare helps pay for screening tests. Talk to your doctor about the screening options that are right for you.

38.10 - Compare the services you receive with those that appear on your Medicare Summary Notice. If you have questions, call your doctor or provider. If you feel further investigation is needed due to possible fraud or abuse, call the phone number in the Customer Service Information Box.

38.11-January is cervical health month. The Pap test is the most effective way to screen for cervical cancer. Medicare helps pay for screening Pap tests every two years. For more information on Pap tests, call your Medicare carrier.

38.12-Your physician participates in the Competitive Acquisition Program for Medicare Part B drugs (CAP. The drug(s) you received in your physician's office were provided by an approved CAP vendor. You will receive two separate Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs). This MSN is from the Medicare carrier that processes claims for your drug that came from the approved CAP vendor. You will receive another MSN from the Medicare carrier that processes claims for your physician, for the administration of the drug(s). If you appeal the determination for this drug vendor claim, you must send your appeal to the Medicare carrier address listed on the physician administration MSN, and not this vendor claim MSN.

38.13 – If you aren't due a payment check from Medicare, your Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) will now be mailed to you on a quarterly basis. You will no longer get a monthly statement in the mail for these types of MSNs. You will now get a statement every 90 days summarizing all of your Medicare claims. Your provider may send you a

bill that you may need to pay before you get your MSN. When you get your MSN, look to see if you paid more than the MSN says is due. If you paid more, call your provider about a refund. If you have any questions about the bill from your provider, you should call your provider.

38.18 - ALERT: Coverage by Medicare will be limited for outpatient physical therapy (PT), speech-language pathology (SLP), and occupational therapy (OT) services for services received on January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The limits are \$1,740 in 2006 and \$1780 in 2007 for PT and SLP combined and \$1,740 in 2006 and \$1780 in 2007 for OT. Medicare pays up to 80 percent of the limits after the deductible has been met. These limits don't apply to certain therapy approved by Medicare or to therapy you get at hospital outpatient departments, unless you are a resident of and occupy a Medicare-certified bed in a skilled nursing facility. If you have questions, please call 1-800-MEDICARE.

38.20 - You have the right to request an itemized statement which details each Medicare item or service which you have received from your physician, hospital, or any other health supplier or health professional. Please contact them directly, in writing, if you would like an itemized statement.

38.22 - Planning to retire? Does your current insurance pay before Medicare pays? Call Medicare within the 6 months before you retire to update your records. Make sure your health care bills get paid correctly.

90.38 - Sección De Información General

(Rev. 1392, Issued: 12-14-07; Effective: 01-01-08; Implementation: 01-07-08)

38.3 - Si usted cambia de dirección, por favor comuníquese con la Administración del Seguro Social al 1-800-772-1213.

38.4 - Usted está en alto riesgo para complicaciones de la influenza y es muy importante que usted se vacune. Favor de comunicarse con su proveedor del cuidado de la salud para la vacuna contra la influenza.

38.5 - Si usted no ha recibido su vacuna contra la influenza no es demasiado tarde. Favor de comunicarse con su proveedor del cuidado de la salud sobre recibir la vacuna contra la influenza.

38.6 - El cáncer colorectal es el segundo cáncer principal que ataca en los E.E.U.U. Sin embargo, pruebas de investigación pueden encontrar pólipos antes de que lleguen a ser cancerosos. También pueden encontrar el cáncer temprano cuando el tratamiento trabaja lo mejor posible. Medicare ayuda a pagar por pruebas de investigación. Comuníquese con su doctor sobre las opciones de pruebas de investigación que son apropiadas para usted.

38.7 - Medicare cubre las pruebas de investigación del cáncer colorectal que pueden encontrar pólipos precancerosos en el colon y recto. Los pólipos pueden ser removidos antes de que sean cancerosos. Comuníquese con su doctor sobre hacerse la prueba.

38.8 - Enero es el mes de la prevención del cáncer cervical.

38.9 - La prueba de papanicolao (o prueba pap) es la manera más efectiva de examinar el cáncer cervical.

38.10 - Compare los servicios que usted recibe con los que aparecen en su Resumen de Medicare. Si tiene preguntas, llame a su doctor o proveedor. Si usted cree que se necesita investigar más debido a un posible fraude o abuso, llame al teléfono que aparece en la sección Información de Servicios al Cliente.

38.11 - Enero es el mes de la prevención del cáncer cervical. La prueba de papanicolao (o prueba pap) es la manera más efectiva de examinar el cáncer cervical. Medicare ayuda a pagar por la prueba de papanicolao (o prueba pap) una vez cada dos años. Para más información sobre el examen papanicolao, llame a su agencia de seguros Medicare.

38.12 – Su médico participa en el Programa de Adquisición Competitiva para las medicinas cubiertas por la Parte B de Medicare (CAP, por sus siglas en inglés). Las medicinas que usted recibió en la oficina de su médico fueron provistas por un suplidor autorizado del CAP. Usted recibirá dos Resúmenes de Medicare por separado. Este Resumen es de la empresa de seguros Medicare que procesa las reclamaciones de sus medicinas provistas por el suplidor autorizado del CAP. Usted recibirá otro Resumen de la empresa de seguros Medicare que procesa las reclamaciones de su médico, por el

suministro de sus medicinas. Si usted apela la decisión de esta reclamación del suplidor de medicinas, debe enviar la apelación a la empresa de seguros Medicare que se menciona en el Resumen de la reclamación de su médico y no a la dirección que aparece en este Resumen.

38.13 - Si Medicare no le debe un pago por cheque, sus Resúmenes de Medicare (MSN, por sus siglas en inglés) serán enviados por correo cada tres meses. Usted no recibirá un resumen mensual en su correo si Medicare no le debe un pago por cheque. De ahora en adelante, usted recibirá un aviso como éste (que no incluye pago por cheque) cada 90 días resumiendo todas sus reclamaciones de Medicare. Usted puede recibir una factura de su proveedor antes de que reciba un aviso de MSN. Compare el MSN con la factura que le envió su proveedor para asegurarse de que pagó la cantidad correcta por sus servicios.

38.18 - ALERTA: La cobertura de Medicare estará limitada para los servicios de terapia física ambulatoria (PT, por sus siglas en inglés), terapia de patología del habla (SLP, por sus siglas en inglés), y terapia ocupacional (OT) si son recibidos entre el 1 de enero de 2006 y el 31 de diciembre de 2007. Estos límites son \$1,740 en 2006 y \$1780 en 2007 para PT y SLP combinados y \$1,740 en 2006 y \$1780 en 2007 para OT. Medicare paga hasta 80 por ciento de los límites después que se haya pagado el deducible. Estos límites no se aplican a cierta terapia aprobada por Medicare ni a terapia que usted obtenga en los departamentos de hospital para paciente ambulatorio, a menos que usted sea un residente y ocupe una cama certificada por Medicare en un centro de enfermería especializada. Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame GRATIS al 1-800-MEDICARE.

38.20 - Usted tiene derecho a solicitar una declaración detallada la cual específica cada ítem o servicio que recibió de su médico, hospital, o de cualquier otro suplidor de servicios de salud o de profesional de la salud. Por favor, comuníquese con ellos directamente por escrito si desea recibir una declaración detallada.

38.22 - ¿Está planificando retirarse? ¿Su actual seguro de salud paga antes que Medicare? Favor de llamar a Medicare 6 meses antes que piensa retirarse para actualizar la información de su expediente. Asegúrese que sus facturas médicas se paguen correctamente.