

DATE: June 24, 2002

TO: All Teaching Hospitals

FROM: Medicare Audit & Reimbursement

SUBJECT: Intern and Resident Information System (IRIS) Edit Program--
ACTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide new software to **edit intern and resident** (IR) data files. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued two Program Memoranda (PM) A-01-82, Change Request (CR) 1468, dated July 3, 2001, and PM A-01-141, CR 1468, dated December 14, 2001, which clarified expectations on how FI's will manage and audit settlement reports. The key issue discussed is the cost report submission with an IRIS diskette that will pass all IRIS system edits.

FIs currently use IRISFIV3, a CMS Central Office (CO) produced FI edit program, for editing and processing IRIS diskettes. This program edits IR data on IRIS diskettes for passing IRIS system edits, and processes error-free IR data into IR data files for transmission to CO. An edit only version of this program for providers did not exist, and providers did not have adequate assurance that their IRIS diskettes would pass all IRIS system edits in IRISFIV3.

CO developed a new provider and FI edit program called IRISEDV3 in response to CR 1468. This program edits IR data on IRIS diskettes. Providers are to use IRISEDV3 for editing IRIS diskettes submitted for cost report years ending after July 31, 2000. CO satisfactorily tested IRISEDV3 with provider and FI participation, and are providing a copy of this program for editing the IRIS diskettes.

Attached are two IRISEDV3 program installation files (edv3inst.ex and db5lib.ex), and a file for IRISEDV3 program installation instructions (readme.doc). Copy these three files on a separate diskette for subsequent installation on the computer before editing IRIS diskettes for cost reporting periods ending after July 31, 2000.

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It is imperative that you implement IRISEDV3 program installation instructions in the enclosed copy of **“READ ME FIRST FILE (README.DOC) – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USING THE IRISEDV3 DISKETTE”** before using the diskette.

This information is being made available via electronic transmission to each teaching hospital prior to **Friday, June 28, 2002**. Each hospital should read and follow IRISEDV3 program installation instructions on their file copy (readme.doc) before using IRISEDV3 on IRIS diskettes for cost reporting periods ending after July 31, 2000.

Providers should contact Mr. Richard Fleddermann at 410-786-6300 if they have technical questions for operating IRISEDV3.

Providers may contact Mr. Milton Jacobson at 410-786-7553 if they have non-technical questions and other issues involving IRISEDV3.

Attachments

cc:
Provider File