Health Financial Systems

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Dear Clients:

We recently updated the software for the Hospital, 2552-10 and 2552-96; the SNF, 2540-10; and the ESRD, 265-11. The primary reason for this update is to implement CMS changes affecting our Wage Index Verification tool.

Interface, MCRIF32, version 1.37.0.2:

PS&R- We received an MCR file that had multiple providers (Hospital, subunits, HHA and SNF). The PS&R files from CMS were imported, and all of the CSV files work, except the SNF, which kicks out error message "[-199] - Invalid extract file". This is fixed. (D001-00-006993)

FY 2014 Wage Index PUF Now Available

A revised Public Use File (PUF) for the FY 2014 wage index and occupational mix has been published on the CMS website. Click here to be taken to this site.

This file reflects the Worksheet S-3, Parts II and III wage data from cost reports for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 (FY Begin Dates from 10/1/09 to 9/30/2012) and this data has been desk reviewed and verified by the FIs/MACs before being published by CMS.

The deadline for hospitals to submit requests for corrections to errors due to CMS or FI/MAC mishandling of the wage index data, or revisions of desk review adjustments to the PUFs must be reported to the MACs prior to March 4th 2014. An HFS Wage Index Verification Tool is available from the software menu under "Tools | Wage Index Verification" to assist providers in identifying any such errors.

Comma separated files of the PUF and a Quick Start Guide for use with the Wage index Verification Tool are available on the HFS website. Click here to be taken to this site.

A tutorial has been made give an overview of the Wage Index Verification Tool and can be seen here.

Hospital, 2552-10, version 3.6.137.2:

Auditor- Cumulative adjustments were not carrying forward to the next adjustment of the same line. This issue has been fixed. (D001-00-006981)

SNF, 2540-10, version 4.2.137.2:

Auditor- Cumulative adjustments were not carrying forward to the next adjustment of the same line. This issue has been fixed. (D001-00-006981)

ESRD, 265-11, version 1.31.137.1:

Auditor- Cumulative adjustments were not carrying forward to the next adjustment of the same line. This issue has been fixed. (D001-00-006983)