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	Change Request 14142

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:
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:

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II.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A.   Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to add a field on VMS screens that will display the region. By displaying the region, users will be able to differentiate between test and production regions while they are reviewing, testing, and processing information.

Before the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) transitioned to using Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS), the VMS test region was future dated. Because the date displays at the bottom right footer on most VMS screens, users/operators were able to confirm the region by reviewing the date. The test region displayed a future date, and the production region displayed the current date.

Now that both the production and test regions have the dates synchronized, it is difficult to differentiate between the two regions when viewing and updating information. Errors have occurred updating production data instead of test data due to the synchronized date. This will reduce the risk of unintended changes and follow-up revisions by displaying the current working region.

B.   Policy: No policy changes are associated with this instruction.

III.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH	MAC	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14142.1	GDIT shall modify all the screens on the VMAP GENERAL MENU screen and VMAP/1 - Contractor Options to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region ID.							X		
14142.1.1	GDIT shall modify the VMAP/1/1 - CONTRACTOR OPTIONS screen to remove the Carrier Name/Address field.							X		
14142.1.2	GDIT shall modify the VMAP/1/3 - CPT INTEREST RATES to remove the Carrier Name/Address.							X		
14142.1.3	GDIT shall modify the VMAP/1/7 - DEDUCTIBLES AND LIMITS screen to remove the unused Part B fields contained on the screen.							X		
14142.2	GDIT shall modify all screens in the VMAP/2 - Quality Assurance System to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region ID.							X		
14142.3	GDIT shall modify all the screens in the VMAP/3 - Control Options menu to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region ID.							X		
14142.4	GDIT shall modify all the screens in the VMAP/4A - Accounting Parameters and VMAP/4B - Correspondence Parameters to display a four-position indicator, TEST or PROD, instead of the DME MAC's Region ID. GDIT shall also modify the first four options in the VMAP/4 - SYSTEM PARAMETER MENU screen to include 'menu' at the end of their titles.							X		
14142.5	The contractor shall make all changes effective as of the implementation date. There are no plans to implement any logic based on date of receipt or date of service.							X		

IV.   PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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