

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 11982</b>	<b>Date: April 20, 2023</b>
	<b>Change Request 13084</b>

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Reason Code File Updates to Correct CMS Standard for Common Working File (CWF) Reason Codes**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to correct the CMS Standard on the FISS reason code file when the value is incorrectly set to active.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023**

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

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2023**

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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.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to correct the CMS standard value for CWF reason codes in the FISS reason code file.

In January 2022, the contractor that completes the quarterly audit of the MAC reason code files identified some inconsistencies around the CMS standard that they use to determine if the reason code is active. In response, FISS, CMS and the MACs started a full review of all existing reason codes that is expected to span several releases.

In development of the April release, FISS identified that there are CWF reason codes on the FISS file that were incorrectly established as active (CMS Standard 'A'.) All CWF reason codes should have the CMS Standard set to 'C' because they are not controlled by FISS and the active/inactive status does not apply.

This Change Request (CR) will implement a process to identify and correct the CMS Standard for CWF reason codes on the reason code file.

**B. Policy:** There is no impact to policy.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S
13084.1	FISS shall create a one-time utility to correct the CMS Standard for CWF reason codes.					X				
13084.1.1	FISS shall update the CMS Standard to 'C' for all reason codes when the CMS Standard is currently equal to 'A.'					X				
13084.1.2	FISS shall produce a list documenting the reason codes updated to facilitate validation of the updates.					X				

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

### IV. 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**

### V. CONTACTS

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

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