

TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

FROM: Kathy Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Medicaid Management

SUBJECT: Medicare Buy-in Action Lists

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2003

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The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has redesigned its Electronic Data Base (EDB). As a result of this redesign, their edits have become more restrictive. You may have noticed that on the Medicare Buy-in Action Lists, from November 2003 through the present, there has been a significant increase in errors denoted by the Code 2161B. The definition for this error has been changed to read: "THE CLAIM NUMBER IN THE ACCRETION ACTION MATCHES THE CLAIM NUMBER ON THE EDB RECORD; HOWEVER, PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS DIFFER".

Differing characteristics can be:

- Incorrect sex
- Date of birth
- A title in the recipient's name such as Jr., Sr.
- A person is a Nun (SR for Sister)
- A person is a priest (FR for Friar or Father)
- Hyphenated names

Please review your Action Lists from November 2003 to the present for Code 2161B, and make sure that the Data is in agreement with information on the Social Security Master Beneficiary Record (MBR). If the information does not agree, correct the information on WMS and have it match the information on the MBR.

In order to resubmit Buy-In accretions, fill out the CMS form 1819 with the necessary corrections and fax to Stanley Leslie at (518) 402-0061. For instructions on how to fill out this form or information on how to obtain this form, call Stanley Leslie at (518) 473-3924.