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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:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this CR is to develop a new search function to display edit and audit information tied to a procedure code.

Currently, the user can view or search a multitude of screens and files in the MCS to determine editing and/or auditing associated with a procedure code. It is a manually intensive effort.

The Shared System Maintainer (SSM) shall create a search inquiry function to display the edit and audit information tied to a procedure code or a range of procedure codes. The results shall be displayed on a new online inquiry screen; the option of requesting a printable report displaying the inquiry results and a new Application Program Interface (API) option shall be made available to the user.

Originally, it was planned for the results to include the Common Working File (CWF) Error Code number. The determination was made that this information is not available in the System Control Facility (SCF) extract utilized for the inquiry screen. Therefore, the CWF error code number shall not be included in the search results. If a requested procedure code is found in an SCF CWF Eligibility Audit, the results will display an 'X' under the Error Code (EC) field for the audit. The information for the SCF rule will also be included in the SCF results section.

The following categories of edits/audits shall not be included in the procedure code search function:

- Pricing audits (Audit major use category P or N).
- Edits/audits defined on the Focused Medical Review (MR) screen.
- Hold edits based on the Edit Hold (EH) screen.

- SCF data elements which start with “PC” or read Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) values.
- Quantity billed editing which reads procedure codes from the HxxTQBIL SPITAB. Example, edits 038D and 164D.
- Editing which uses fields from the procedure code file. Examples, edits 018D, 142D, 050D, and 210D
- Edits based on procedure code payment flags.
- Mammography certification editing which assigns an internal mammography flag (SPITAB H99TDMAM).
- Edits based on the Lab National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Module (LC Screen).
- Edits based on a CMS supplied file. For example, edit 282D (Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment Indicator File edit).
- Audits without PJ/PLs where the procedure codes are read from a CMS supplied file. For example, audit 207A (Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)).
- Fraud Prevention Service (FPS) edits where the procedure codes are defined in the FPS edit logic.
- CWF error codes where the procedure codes are defined in the CWF edit logic.

The new inquiry screen shall not be added to the MCS Desktop Tool (MCSDT).

The search functionality shall be by procedure code. This change does not include searches by modifier or keywords.

The search function shall only include batch edits and audits.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
13344.1	The contractor shall develop a procedure code edit/audit master file to be utilized by a new search inquiry function.						X			
13344.1.1	The contractor shall update the new edit/audit master file daily to incorporate maintenance updates.						X			
13344.1.2	The contractor shall include the following categories of edits/audits in the procedure code search function: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MCS hard coded edits and audits where the procedure codes are defined in the code. 						X			

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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13344.2	The contractor shall create a new request entry and result online inquiry screen.							X		
13344.2.1	The contractor shall ensure a user with MCS access can utilize the new procedure code edit/audit search function without additional security updates.							X		
13344.2.2	The contractor shall include function keys for the following movements on the new inquiry screen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paging forward and backward through the inquiry results. • Return to top of display. • Move to next or previous procedure code in the range. • Ability to return from the new screen to the menu screen. 							X		
13344.2.3	The contractor shall allow for selection data to be passed to the new inquiry screen from the following existing screens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Procedure Code Look-up screen (PC). • The Full Procedure Code Inquiry screen (FP). • The Detail History screen (HI). 							X		
13344.2.4	The contractor shall allow for the entry of individual procedure codes or procedure code ranges on							X		

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	the new inquiry screen.									
13344.2.4.1	The contractor shall limit the number of valid procedure codes returned, displaying an online error message if the number exceeds 50.						X			
13344.2.5	The contractor shall utilize the procedure code master edit/audit file to search for the requested procedure code(s) and display the results on the new inquiry screen.						X			
13344.2.5.1	The contractor shall individually display the results for each valid procedure code in a range when an inquiry is performed on a range of procedure codes.						X			
13344.2.5.2	The contractor shall display the edit/audit information for the requested procedure code from the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The edit/audit number (EA Screen – field 01). The edit/audit description 1 (EA Screen – field 18). The edit/audit owner (EA Screen – field 54). The active/inactive status (Derived based on the edit/audit disposition). 						X			
13344.2.5.3	The contractor shall indicate if the requested procedure code is found in SCF rules/tables, SCC audit PJ segment, SCC audit PL segment, or SCF CWF						X			

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	Eligibility rule error code.									
13344.2.5.4	<p>The contractor shall display the SCF Rule/Table edit/audit information for the requested procedure code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The edit/audit number - pulled from the SCF rule. The SCF rule or table name - pulled from the SCF rule/table. The SCF rule status - pulled from the SCF rule/table. The SCF rule type - pulled from the SCF rule. 						X			
13344.3	The contractor shall create a print report version of the procedure code search results for the specified procedure(s).							X		
13344.3.1	The contractor shall ensure the report is sorted in requesting clerk ID order.							X		
13344.4	The contractor shall create a new read only API to return procedure code edit/audit records from the new master file.							X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
	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:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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

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