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Subject: FY 04/05 MCCF changes

Importance: High

Good afternoon, Everyone,

The FY 2004 appropriation bill made substantial changes to the VHA account structure. One of those changes was the consolidation of numerous accounts into MCCF for collection of the funds. This change was covered in Omnibus Appropriation Bill Policy 17-1, attached and available on the VHA CFO website.

Beginning October 1, 2004, FMS and VistA A/R will record deposits to MCCF using the following structure:

528701 - Pharmacy Co-Payments (formerly 5287.1).

528703 - Inpatient/Outpatient payments (All Co-Payments except Pharmacy) (formerly 5287.3).

528704 - Third-Party Proceeds (formerly 5287.4).

528705 - Nursing Home Proceeds (formerly 4013).

528706 - Parking Fees (formerly 4538).

528707 - Compensated Work Therapy Proceeds (formerly 4048).

528708 - Compensation and Pension Proceeds (formerly 4138).

528709 - Long Term Care Co-Payment (formerly 4032).

528710 - Enhanced Use Lease Proceeds (formerly 5358.1)

The MCCF funds will be transferred to no-year medical services accounts (0160X4) and allocated to medical centers one month in arrears as has been the practice since inception of MCCF.

The Financial Management System Services (047E7) and the Financial Service Center (FSC) will move open balances to appropriate accounts during the FY 04 close and FY 05 opening procedures.

As mentioned above the collections will eventually be returned to medical centers in no-year medical services account. Funds can only be spent for things that are authorized for medical services as provided in the appropriation language.

The collections for Compensated Work Therapy, formerly Special Therapeutic and Rehabilitation Fund (4048), will be identified separately when allocated to facilities. Facilities will establish the ACCs previously used in 4048 in the no-year medical services account. A listing of the ACC and number can be located in the PGMT table of the Financial Management System (FMS).

An exception to this process will be made for the old Parking Revolving Fund (4538). The open obligations, payables, etc will remain in the 4538 account and appropriate entries against those transactions can be processed. The open receivable accounts will be moved to the MCCF account and deposits beginning October 1, 2004 will be made to 528706 - Parking Fees. Beginning October 1 all new obligations will be made from medical facilities or construction accounts, either major or minor.

A formal policy document, VHA Directive, will be published when certain legal issues are resolved. In the interim this guidance should be followed. Previously issued VHA Directives on all the accounts listed above will eventually be rescinded and in the interim are not compatible with FMS and VistA A/R programming.

Questions should be sent to the VHA Accounting Policy Outlook Mailbox.

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Good morning, Everyone,

FMS service here in VACO has alerted me to the fact that activity is still occurring in the deactivated 5287 funds and that the error for the deactivated funds are being overridden in order to process transactions. As I have stated before (see message below), we are no longer using the old 5287 point accounts. All of the old point accounts have been converted to new six digit accounts. Additionally you will need to transfer all balances in the 5287, 5287.1, 5287.3 and 5287.4 accounts into their new six digit accounts: **5287 & 5287.1 into 528701; 5287.3 into 528703; 5287.4 into 528704.** This will aid us in our reconciliation efforts. We also want to avoid any problems with this issue during annual close.

Your efforts in this matter are greatly appreciated.

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Subject: the use of 5287 point accounts

Good afternoon,

At this time I would like to reiterate that we are no longer using the old point accounts regarding 5287. These accounts have been deactivated in FMS and we have moved over into the six digit accounts beginning and ending with 528701 and 528710. The FMS system allows users to override the error messages relating to this deactivation but I must remind you that doing so is prohibited for FY 05 business. Ignoring this guidance also makes proper reporting and the reconciliation processes very difficult. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or email me. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this matter.