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Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator:

During the past few weeks you received numerous Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator Letters informing you of changes to edits regarding State/Federal Charge Codes 60 and 67, as well as a new Code 68. These changes were detailed in the March 13, 2006 letter, Attachment II, Section IV.

Unfortunately, we were forced to make numerous revisions to the WMS program right up to the move to Production. We thought we had a finished product but later realized, after feedback from the local districts, that constant revisions to this area of the program resulted in the loss of certain critical edits. We came to realize that we need significantly more time to test these revisions.

For this reason, we decided to pull all the State/Federal Charge Code changes, as explained in this Section, from WMS. Therefore, effective Monday, April 3 the edits in place prior to the March 27 migration, in regard to State/Federal Charge, will be back in place. We hope to implement the changes, described in this Section, in a future migration.

The impact on local districts will be that any transaction on a case with a 68 will result in an error and the 68 will have to be changed to a 60 or 67, as appropriate. Since these changes have only been in Production one week, and the conversion never occurred, there should only be a small number of 68's in WMS.

We apologize for any inconvenience these problems have caused. For questions regarding these State/Federal Charge Code edits, contact Layne Gilpin @ 518-408-0107.

Sincerely,

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