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**Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Mandatory Reporting Provisions Section 111 of the
Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) of 2007
(See 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(7)&(b)(8))**

**Alert: Reminder to Group Health Plan (GHP) Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE)
Regarding Correction of SPT0 Errors**

Recently CMS has seen an increase in the number of SPT0 Errors on the MSP Input File. This error occurs when a match is not found to a valid Employer TIN record. When this occurs, the MSP Input File Detail Record will be rejected and returned on the MSP Response File with the SPT0 code. However, this will not provide information as to why the TIN record was rejected. RREs need to refer to the errors returned on their TIN Reference Response Files to determine what caused the matching TIN record to be rejected.

One common reason for the TIN record being rejected is an incorrect employer address. As stated in the GHP User Guide, section 8.3.2 - TIN Address Validation, TIN Reference File records that pass basic field validation edits are processed by the Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) using a postal software tool. This tool is used to validate and improve the deliverability of mailing addresses. Non-foreign addresses are reformatted into the standardized format as recommended by the U. S. Postal Service (USPS), so that they can be matched against a database of valid, deliverable addresses. After an address is standardized through this process, it is matched to the postal database. If an address is matched to one that is considered undeliverable, the address will not be considered valid. CMS encourages RREs to pre-validate employer addresses using postal software or online tools such as
https://tools.usps.com/go/ZipLookupAction!input.action.

It is necessary for an RRE to resubmit a corrected TIN Reference File record, along with resubmitting the corresponding MSP Input File Detail Record that was rejected, in its next file submission or as instructed by the BCRC EDI Representative. Continued errors on TIN Reference File records will result in rejection of subsequently processed MSP Input File Detail Records with matching employer TINs. Again, the records must be corrected and resubmitted in order for the corresponding MSP records to process correctly.

Additional details on correction of these records can be found in Section 8.3 and Appendix D of the Group Health Plan User Guide on CMS.gov. The BCRC EDI Department at 1-646-458-6740.