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**Subject: NR/692/DA-UKLxxxx Invoice Number on CSEP Invoice File Formats.
Communication 1 of 3**

Dear Colleagues,

A consortium of Shippers from the Billing Operations forum have raised a request to generate the invoice number on each line of the CSEP's supporting data files for each line to contain only one charge item per LMN.

During the analysis phase 2 options were identified. There is a cost variance between the 2 options and the Network Operators are keen to gain Shipper comments to ensure that the option decided upon merits the additional expenditure and delivers Shippers requirements.

We require you to consider the 2 options, and let us have your comments on **both** options. Please identify your preferred option, and the basis of this preference.

Option 1:

- add the invoice Number to each LMN on the detailed supporting information known as D38.

For Example

- For Sold Networks:
 - One D38 for NTS Charge types (NCO) including Invoice Number e.g. 111
 - One D38 for LDZ Charges (ZCO, ZCA and Admin) including Invoice Number e.g. 222
- For Retained Networks:
 - One D38 for both NTS and LDZ charges (NCO, ZCO, ZCA, and Admin) including Invoice Number e.g. 333

For option, 1 only the file format for record D38 will be impacted, the hierarchy diagram will remain as published on extranet.

Option 2:

- retaining the D38 record as is, keeping all fields as mandatory
- creating 4 new records,
 - D40: NCO detail; D41: ZCO detail; D42: ZCA detail; D43: Admin detail;
- include the invoice number for each charge on the 4 new records
- Changing the hierarchy of the file to include the 4 new records.

The structure of the D40-D43 records have been tailored to provide information relevant to the given charge type. The codes used are purely for demonstration purposes and the actual record references may well change.

Please find attached an example of the hierarchy diagram reflecting the additional records for option 2.

<<CSEP hierarch Diagram_ Option 2 (2).pdf>>

Your comments are requested by 4th January 2007, to theUKLink box account:-
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As this change was raised at the Billing Operations Forum it is proposed that this is discussed at the next meeting of this group in February 2007. Your comments are requested

by 4th January, however, if you have concerns regarding the analysis you need to undertake in this period please contact me.

Regards

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