
Program Memorandum

Intermediaries/Carriers

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HEALTH CARE FINANCING
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SUBJECT: Moratorium on Data Center Movements

HCFA is implementing a moratorium on data center movements for the next twelve months. Data center movement will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances when explicitly approved by the HCFA Chief Information Officer (CIO). A data center is defined as a computer center that provides support to and/or runs a standard system (FISS, APASS, MCS, UHC, GTEMS, VMS, CWF) that the contractor uses to process Medicare claims. The moratorium applies to requests to: 1) transition workload from the current to a new data center or, 2) transition data center work in-house or, 3) movement to an existing data center that would create costs (either by the requesting contractor or other Medicare contractors) that HCFA is responsible for reimbursing.

This action is being taken in reaction to several factors including: severe budget restrictions to pay for the costs associated with these moves, the need to stabilize the hardware environment while various standard system transitions are being implemented, and efforts underway in HCFA to examine the data center environment to support the needs of HCFA and the contractor community. Any exception request should be directed to the HCFA CIO and the region responsible for your oversight.

The effective date of this Program Memorandum (PM) is February 11, 2000.

The implementation date for this PM is February 11, 2000.

This PM may be discarded August 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

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