
Program Memorandum Intermediaries & Carriers

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SUBJECT: Instructions for Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) and Multi-Carrier System (MCS) Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS) Changes

Background

The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996 requires that Federal agencies implement and maintain financial management systems that comply with Federal management systems requirements. In order to comply, CMS will install Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software that contains modules for general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, budget, procurement, grants, etc. This COTS will be the financial software application that supports HIGLAS. HIGLAS will replace the benefit accounting processes used by Medicare contractors.

Action Requested

The HIGLAS project is currently in the development phase. The maintainers of the MCS and FISS systems will implement changes into the standard systems, during this phase. These changes will not be operative in the production environment. They will not impact the production environment of Medicare claims processing, nor will the payment of Medicare claims be impacted. Only the HIGLAS Pilot Contractors will be impacted by the changes and only in their test environment.

The changes to be implemented for the development of HIGLAS as part of the January 03 release include changes to the HIGLAS 837 and 835 interfaces in order to add data elements that will facilitate the processing by HIGLAS of payment calculations for claim adjustments, split payments, claims that have incurred claims process timeliness (CPT) interest, and Request for Anticipated Payments (RAPs). Additional fields will be added to HIGLAS 274 for provider updates. A new interface will be developed to transmit payment information to HIGLAS for Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) bonuses. This will allow HIGLAS to develop account payable records for the bonuses. In addition, a new interface will be developed to transmit remittance data. This interface will furnish check and trace number information to HIGLAS. Other changes discovered during testing and required fixes may be implemented to facilitate HIGLAS implementation and processing.

The Beta Test Sites for FISS and MCS will test for successful system creation of outbound interfaces to HIGLAS. The FISS and MCS standard system maintainers plus the HIGLAS Pilot Contractors must test validity of the data and transmission of the HIGLAS interfaces.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.

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