
Program Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Revision to the 837 Interface Format for Sending Claims Accounting Information from Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) to the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS)

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. The CMS and other Federal agencies are required to follow the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) guidelines in implementing accounting systems. The JFMIP has identified seven financial accounting functions of an integrated government financial management system. These functions are General Ledger Management, Payment Management, Receipt Management, Core Financial System Management, Funds Management, Cost Management, and Reporting Functions.

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 the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS), for which there are two parts. One part will replace CMS's current administrative accounting system Financial Accounting Control System (FACS). The second part, and the subject of this Program Memorandum (PM), programmatic benefit accounting, will replace the benefit accounting processes used by Medicare contractors.

Action Requested

The FISS maintainer will map only payment-floor ready adjudicated claims to the HIGLAS specific flat file format of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 837 COB, version 4010. This format is being amended to include additional fields needed to support the payment of claims activities and to reflect usage of the X12 methodology.

Logistics Management Institute (LMI) is contracted to CMS to provide support for HIGLAS. LMI will document the FISS crosswalk mapping for the revised HIGLAS 837 COB. LMI will make the system specific document available to the maintainer by early- May.

The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2003.

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