
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: Production of Flat Files to Enable CMS to Populate the Online Survey, Certification and Reporting (OSCAR) System with the Provider Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to produce flat files that will be used to populate the Online Survey, Certification, and Reporting (OSCAR) system with the provider TIN. The provider TIN must be the Employer Identification Number (EIN) used to report income for tax purposes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Do not provide the EINs used for payroll distribution. The production of these flat files should be a one-time occurrence. Flat files containing the FI number, provider number, provider TIN, provider name, and provider address will be extracted from the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) Financial Master File and the Arkansas Part A Standard System (APASS) Financial Master File. These flat files will then be delivered to a representative of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations.

The provider TIN field is being added to the OSCAR database. These flat files will be matched against the OSCAR database and will be used to populate the OSCAR database with the provider TIN.

The *effective date* for this 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 September 1, 2003.

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