

1095-A Issuer Outreach Team (IOT) Shared Secret Password Process



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1095-A IOT Current Password Process

- Our current 1095-A IOT process has involved Cognosante creating a new, unique and individualized password monthly for each Issuer.
- This password was then sent after each file transmission in a separate email to ensure clarity.
- This current process is not compliant with CMS Information Systems Security and Privacy Policy Document Number: CMS-CIO-POL-SEC-2016-0001
- Recommend to implement new 'shared secret' password process to be in compliance.

1095-A IOT New 'Shared Secret' Password Process starting March 1, 2017

- Starting March 1st, 2017, our points-of-contact for each issuer will receive a unique password via email, not accompanied by any 1095 A disputes. This unique password shall be utilized to unencrypt received files for a two month period.
- A new unique password will be sent via email on May 1st, 2017, and this pattern will continue for the duration of 1095 A Form disputes.

Note:

- This unique password will be specific to 1095 A corrections and will not apply to any other entities.
- If Issuer forgets the password, IOT will resend the 'shared secret' password upon request from Issuer