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SUBJECT: Customer Information Control System (CICS) Production Region Merge of the Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon Medicare Part A Workloads in Preparation for the J2 Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Implementation

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Noridian Administrative Services, LLC (NAS) as Fiscal Intermediary, currently processes the Alaska and Washington Part A workloads in one CICS region and the Idaho and Oregon Part A workloads in a separate CICS region.   In order to maximize efficiency and cost savings in preparation for the J2 MAC implementation, CMS will merge the four Part A workloads (Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon) into one CICS region.

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:
Funding for implementation activities will be provided to contractors through the regular budget process.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs): N/A

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

Attachment – One-Time Notification

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SUBJECT: Customer Information Control System (CICS) Production Region Merge of the Part A Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon Medicare workloads in Preparation for the J2 Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Implementation

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Noridian Administrative Services, LLC (NAS) as Fiscal Intermediary, currently processes the Part A Alaska and Washington workloads in one CICS region and the Part A Idaho and Oregon workloads in a separate CICS region.   In order to maximize efficiency and cost savings in preparation for the J2 MAC implementation, CMS will merge the four Part A workloads (Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon) into a single CICS region for user acceptance testing and a single CICS production region.

The contractor workload numbers will remain the same following this merge. However, when there are multiple workload numbers within a single FISS CICS region, the workloads need to be processed using a rollup number. Therefore a temporary contractor workload rollup number (00326) will be assigned. CMS will not at this time split the Part A Alaska and Washington or Idaho and Oregon workloads into separate workloads for workload reporting purposes. However, CMS will need to do so at the time of the eventual J2 A/B MAC transition, at which time the appropriate change request will be published.

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B.   Policy: N/A

II.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
6339.1	The CDS EDC shall create the necessary CICS regions for both user acceptance testing (UAT) and production to accommodate the merge of the Part A Alaska,										CDS EDC

Number	Requirement	A/B MAC	DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
	Washington, Idaho and Oregon workloads into a single production and test region.										
6339.1.2	The CDS EDC shall provide all support needed to successfully implement the new merged production and test regions, including (but not limited to) production support, testing, the running of merge software supplied by the FISS maintainer, and coordination.										CDS EDC
6339.1.3	The Part A FISS shared system maintainer shall provide any necessary support to accomplish the merge, including software to perform the merge.						X				
6339.1.4	Noridian Administrative Services shall provide project management, testing and any other services needed to successfully support the merge.										Noridian
6339.2	When there are multiple workload numbers within a single FISS CICS region, the workloads need to be processed using a rollup number. Therefore, CMS shall assign a temporary contractor workload rollup number of 00326 to be used in the new merged CICS region.										CMS
6339.2.1	Following the merge, Noridian shall continue to report workload for the states of Alaska and Washington under contractor number 00322 and for the states of Idaho and Oregon under contractor number 00325.										Noridian
6339.2.2	FISS shall provide workload reports for the new merged regions based upon BSIs. (It is our understanding that multiple BSIs can be combined to produce a single workload report.) Noridian shall work with FISS (if necessary) to produce the appropriate workload reports as per BR 6339.2.1.						X				Noridian
6339.3	CMS contractors and the following shared systems shall continue to successfully interact with the existing Part A Alaska & Washington and Idaho & Oregon contractor workload numbers following the merge into the single CICS UAT and the single CICS production regions.			X							BESS, CAFM, CMIS, CMS, CWF, CMS Data Center, COBA, CROWD, CSAMS, DCS, ECRS, HCIS, IRIS, LOLA, NGD, QIES, PECOS, PORS, PSC/ZPIC, PSOR, PULSE, REMAS, REMIS, STAR AND ECPS

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B MAC	D M E MAC	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
6339.4	Following the production region merge, interaction and reporting by and to FISS, CERT, the NPI crosswalk, PIMR, and PS&R of the Part A Alaska & Washington and Idaho & Oregon workloads shall reflect the temporary contractor rollup number of 00326.						X				CERT, NPI Crosswalk, PIMR, PS&R.
6339.5	Following the merge, Noridian shall correctly match claims and produce resolution, replica, and provider address files to the CERT contractor.										Noridian

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B MAC	D M E MAC	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	OTHER
	None.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:
Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:

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VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs),* **and/or** *Carriers***:**

Funding for implementation activities will be provided to contractors through the regular budget process.

Section B: *For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)***:** N/A