

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 10076</b>	<b>Date: May 1, 2020</b>
	<b>Change Request 11677</b>

**SUBJECT: COBOL Version 6.2 Upgrade - Additional Analysis and Phase I Implementation**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is for the contractors to continue analysis and testing, and implement changes in preparation for the migration to Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 5, 2020 - Effective date is the date claims are processed**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 5, 2020**

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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.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** International Business Machines (IBM) announced that it will discontinue support for Enterprise COBOL 4.2 for the z/Operating System (z/OS) in September 2021 and Enterprise COBOL 5.1 and 5.2 for z/OS in April 2020.

CMS will coordinate the testing and implementation of Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS with the Virtual Data Centers and the Common Working File Host.

Based on the analysis completed under previously issued CRs, phase I of the upgrade to COBOL 6.2 will be implemented under this CR along with additional analysis and testing required to fully implement by July 2021 release.

CMS directs the contractors to continue analysis and testing, and implement changes in preparation for the migration to Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS.

**B. Policy:** There is no change in policy.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								Other
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
11677.1	Each contractor shall continue analysis and testing to identify and document issues and programming changes associated with the migration to Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS.  The analysis and testing shall also include performance impacts within each system as well as other systems and/or interfaces that may be impacted due to the proposed phased implementation of the upgrade.	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	CWF Host, VDC
11677.2	The contractors shall submit to CMS an analysis document that includes:					X	X	X	X	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Findings from the analysis and testing,</li> <li>Performance impacts,</li> <li>Impacts to other systems and/or interfaces,</li> <li>Draft business requirements with estimated hours for implementation of system changes in an upcoming quarterly release.</li> </ul>									
11677.2.1	<p>The contractors shall post the deliverable to ECHIMP under Analysis Call Documents no later than Friday, August 7, 2020.</p> <p>NOTE: Analysis documentation with estimated hours for implementation shall be emailed to the respective COR along with a copy to Vinay.Vuyyuru@cms.hhs.gov and Bonnie.Hockaday@cms.hhs.gov</p>					X	X	X	X	
11677.3	The contractor shall implement coding changes identified, from their analysis and testing, that are required to support the migration to Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS.					X	X	X	X	
11677.4	The contractors shall record all issues/resolutions encountered in the additional analysis and testing, and using the established reporting process report the progress of implementation to CMS no later than Friday, August 7, 2020.					X	X	X	X	
11677.5	Each contractor shall report their progress with implementing the COBOL 6.2 upgrade in their local data centers. The summary shall include any identified impediments, risks or problems and due to CMS no later than Friday, August 7, 2020.	X	X	X	X					
11677.6	The contractors shall attend up to three (3) 1-hour calls to be facilitated by CMS to share the research and/or issues/concerns each contractor may come across during the analysis.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	CWF Host, VDC
11677.6.1	The contractors shall capture the meeting minutes for each call and post them to ECHIMP under Post Issued within three (3) business days of the call.					X	X	X	X	

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

**V. CONTACTS**

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Vinay Vuyyuru, 410-786-9111 or Vinay.Vuyyuru@cms.hhs.gov , Bonnie Hockaday, 410-786-1422 or Bonnie.Hockaday@cms.hhs.gov

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

**VI. FUNDING**

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