

<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 10500</b>	<b>Date: December 1, 2020</b>
	<b>Change Request 11851</b>

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**SUBJECT: COBOL Version 6.2 Upgrade - Phased Implementation for Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) and Multi Carrier System (MCS)**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 4, 2021 - Effective date is the date claims are processed; April 5, 2021 - Effective date is the date claims are processed; July 5, 2021 - Effective date is the date claims are processed

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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 continue support for Enterprise COBOL 4.2 for the z/Operating System (z/OS) through April 2022 and Enterprise COBOL 5.1 and 5.2 for z/OS until April 2020. Based on the analysis completed and changes implemented, under previously issued CRs, FISS and MCS will fully implement COBOL 6.2 by the July 2021 quarterly release.

CMS will coordinate the testing and implementation of Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS with the Virtual Data Centers. All implementations of COBOL 6.2 will be completed using ARCH level 10, enabling the compiler to exploit features in order to achieve the best performance.

**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									
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S		C W F
11851.1	The contractor shall submit a plan to CMS no later than November 5, 2020 for COBOL v6.2 to be fully implemented by July 2021.					X	X				
11851.2	The contractor shall submit documentation to CMS no later than November 5, 2020, identifying the remaining modules that still need to be analyzed, tested and the pending coding changes.					X	X				

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		A/B MAC		H H H	D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B			F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
11851.3	The contractor shall send the plan in BR 1 and the documentation in BR 2 to the following CMS contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vinay Vuyyuru - Vinay.Vuyyuru@cms.hhs.gov</li> <li>Bonnie Hockaday – Bonnie.Hockaday@cms.hhs.gov</li> </ul>					X	X				
11851.4	The 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.					X	X				
11851.5	The contractor shall recompile and test remaining programs using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.					X	X				
11851.5.1	The contractor shall resolve any issues identified from using the COBOL v6.2 compiler to ensure program functionality remains unchanged.					X	X				
11851.6	The contractor shall begin/continue to implement updated code into production either in preparation for migration or using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.	X	X	X		X	X			VDC	
11851.7	The contractor shall implement the remaining code, as necessary, into production using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.	X	X	X		X	X			VDC	

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C W F	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:
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**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).

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