

<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 10499</b>	<b>Date: December 1, 2020</b>
	<b>Change Request 11850</b>

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**SUBJECT: COBOL Version 6.2 Upgrade - Phased Implementation for ViPS Medicare System (VMS) and the Common Working File (CWF)**

**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 1, 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):**

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**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 would continue support for Enterprise COBOL 4.2 for the z/Operating System (z/OS) through April 2022 and support 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, VMS and CWF will fully implement COBOL 6.2 by the April 2021 quarterly release.

CMS will coordinate the testing and implementation of Enterprise COBOL 6.2 for z/OS with the Virtual Data Centers (VDCs) and the CWF Host. 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		F M V C	M I C S	V M S S	C W F		
11850.1	The contractor shall recompile and test all Customer Information Control System (CICS) COBOL programs using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.								X	X	
11850.1.1	The contractor shall resolve any issues identified from using the new COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10 to ensure program functionality remains								X	X	

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	unchanged.										
11850.2	The contractor shall implement all CICS COBOL programs including necessary recompiles using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.				X			X	X		CWF Host, VDC
11850.3	The contractor shall code and unit test remaining Batch COBOL programs using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.							X			
11850.4	The contractor shall implement all Batch modules including necessary recompiles using the COBOL v6.2 compiler and ARCH level 10.				X			X			VDC
11850.5	The contractor shall complete necessary archiving and Endeavor changes.								X		CWF Host

**III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE**

Number	Requirement	Responsibility						
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	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.*

<b>X-Ref Requirement Number</b>	<b>Recommendations or other supporting information:</b>
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**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

**V. CONTACTS**

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

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