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	Change Request 10191					

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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Analysis CR calls for the analysis of potentially merging A/B MACs CICS Regions (within each Jurisdiction and where it is feasible to do so) in order for CMS to obtain lower claims processing costs from enhanced efficiencies.

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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	N/A	

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This Analysis CR calls for the analysis of potentially merging A/B MACs CICS Regions (within each Jurisdiction and where it is feasible to do so) in order for CMS to obtain lower claims processing costs from enhanced efficiencies.

B. Policy: Not Applicable

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B		A/B D		Shared-				Other
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			E							
		Α	В	H	М	F	M		C	
				H	M A	-	C	M		
				Η	A C	S S	S	S	F	
10191.1	Contractors shall attend a series of 2 weekly one-hour	X	Χ			Х	Χ		Х	CWF Host,
	conference calls (to occur in the October 2017									HIGLAS,
	timeframe) to explore options to merge one or more									VDCs
10101 0	CICS Regions within each Jurisdiction.	37	37			37	37		37	
10191.2	Contractors shall send contact names and email	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	CWF Host,
	addresses for this project to CMS at Lori.Kemezys@cms.hhs.gov within 5 business days of									HIGLAS, VDCs
	issuance of this CR.									VDC5
10191.3	Contractors shall provide a final analysis paper, from	Χ	Χ			Х	Χ		Χ	VDCs
	their perspective, to CMS 30 business days following									
	the final conference call.									
10191.4	MACs and VDCs shall propose a strategy to merge	Χ	Х							VDCs
	A/B MAC CICS regions for each of their Jurisdictions									
	(where possible). This recommendation shall include									
	the "from" CICS region and the "to" CICS region and the states to be moved.									
10191.5		X	Х							VDCs
10191.5	MACs and VDCs shall propose a timeline for implementation, including how long each CICS merge	Λ	Λ							VDCs
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Number	Requirement	Re	espo	nsi	bilit	у				
		A/B MAC		MAC M						Other
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				Η	A C	S	S	S	F	
	would take from their perspective and the high level				C	S				
	would take, from their perspective, and the high-level milestones necessary to implement a CICS merge.									
10191.6	MACs and VDCs shall provide a cost estimate to	X	X							VDCs
10191.0	implement a CICS region merge.	Λ	Λ							VDCS
10191.7	MACs and VDCs shall provide a list of efficiencies	X	X							VDCs
101/1./	that would result from each potential CICS merge	Δ	Δ							VDC5
	(including reduced number of FTEs, reduced number									
	of input and output files to stakeholders etc.).									
10191.8	MACs and VDCs shall calculate and provide the	X	X							VDCs
1017110	estimated cost savings to the Government for each									1200
	potential CICS region merge within each Jurisdiction									
	in a one year time period and over a period of 5 years.									
10191.9	Shared System and VDC contractors shall perform					Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	analysis to determine changes needed to implement a									
	CICS merge. This analysis shall include estimated									
	hours for each CICS region merge, how many merges									
	could occur at one time, and what efficiencies could									
	be gained from how the merges are scheduled.									
10191.10	Shared Systems and VDC shall provide a list of					Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	efficiencies gained from CICS mergers, and an									
	estimate of potential savings to the government (in									
	hours) over a five year period for reducing the number									
	of CICS regions.									
10191.11	Contractors shall provide a list of their assumptions in	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	order to implement a CICS merge.									
10191.12	Contractors shall determine and provide an interface	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	matrix of all external parties and downstream systems									
	that may be impacted by a CICS region merge.									
10191.13	Contractors shall provide a detailed list of the risks	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	and roadblocks to implementing a CICS region merge									
10101 11	and mitigation strategies for each.	**	**						**	LID C
10191.14	Contractors shall provide their overall	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	VDCs
	recommendation as to the potential benefit of CICS									
	region mergers.									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Respons	ibility	r
		A/B	D	C
		MAC	M	
			E	D
		ABH		Ι
		H		
		H	I A C	
	None			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A *"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Lori Kemezys, 410-786-9961 or Lori.Kemezys@cms.hhs.gov.

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

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