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Transmittal 1900, dated August 11, 2017, is being rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 1967, dated, November 8, 2017 to change the conference call dates and split hours for FISS and CWF across the January and April 2018 Releases. All other information remains the same.

SUBJECT: CICS Region Merge(s) for A/B MACs - Analysis Only

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2018

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

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: BR 3 - 30 business days after last conference call; BR2 - 5 business days after issuance; January 2, 2018 - for MCS, FISS, and CWF; April 2, 2018 - for CWF and FISS to complete analysis deliverable

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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:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		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		
	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 implement a CICS region merge.	X	X								VDCs
10191.7	MACs and VDCs shall provide a list of efficiencies that would result from each potential CICS merge (including reduced number of FTEs, reduced number of input and output files to stakeholders etc.).	X	X								VDCs
10191.8	MACs and VDCs shall calculate and provide the estimated cost savings to the Government for each potential CICS region merge within each Jurisdiction in a one year time period and over a period of 5 years.	X	X								VDCs
10191.9	Shared System and VDC contractors shall perform 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.					X	X			X	VDCs
10191.10	Shared Systems and VDC shall provide a list of 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.					X	X			X	VDCs
10191.11	Contractors shall provide a list of their assumptions in order to implement a CICS merge.	X	X			X	X			X	VDCs
10191.12	Contractors shall determine and provide an interface matrix of all external parties and downstream systems that may be impacted by a CICS region merge.	X	X			X	X			X	VDCs
10191.13	Contractors shall provide a detailed list of the risks and roadblocks to implementing a CICS region merge and mitigation strategies for each.	X	X			X	X			X	VDCs
10191.14	Contractors shall provide their overall recommendation as to the potential benefit of CICS region mergers.	X	X			X	X			X	VDCs

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): 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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