

<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>
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	<b>Change Request 6389</b>

**SUBJECT: Migrating the CMS Medicare Data Communication Network (MDCN) to the New Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The CMS Wide Area Network (WAN) requires all business users of the current Medicare Data Communication Network (MDCN) be migrated to the new Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) service network.

**New / Revised Material**

**Effective Date: October 1, 2009**

**Implementation Date: October 5, 2009**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

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

**III. FUNDING:**

**SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

**SECTION B: 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**

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



Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	CMS's timeline.										
6389.5	Contractors and maintainers shall have customer resource(s) present to run application tests to provide connectivity verification before the migration.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6389.5.1	Contractors and maintainers shall record results for business requirement 6389.5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6389.6	Contractors and maintainers shall have customer resources present to assist troubleshooting any issues that should arise.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6389.7	Contractors and maintainers shall have customer resource(s) present to run application tests to provide connectivity verification after the migration.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6389.7.1	Contractors and maintainers shall record results for business requirement 6389.7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	None.										

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:**

*Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

**Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:**

Although this effort should be seamless to the user community, there will be a 30 minute cutover downtime to transition from the MDCN to the MPLS. During this transition, there will be a live call with all parties in attendance, which will include: AT&T, Verizon, CMS and the customer to support this effort and to make sure of a smooth transition.

## V. CONTACTS

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## VI. FUNDING

### **Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)*, *Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)*, and/or *Carriers*:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

### **Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)*:**

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