



Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System Highlights

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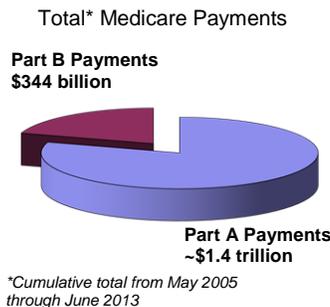
HIGLAS recouped \$210.5 million of cumulative Federal Tax debts and \$90.5 million of Federal Non-Tax debts from Medicare Provider Payments through July 5th, 2013 under the Treasury Federal Payment Levy Program (FPLP).

FMSG is working with the U.S. Department of Treasury to test Oracle patches for reporting changes for the Government-Wide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS).

For FY 2013 through June 30th, 2013, a total of 854 production break/fix incidents have been resolved and 285 code and data fixes deployed to the HIGLAS production environment.

HIGLAS Statistics

The cumulative total of Medicare Part A payments processed through June 30th, 2013 was approximately \$1.4 trillion dollars and Medicare Part B payments totaled \$344 billion dollars.



HIGLAS Over the Years

Since its launch in 2005, the HIGLAS has integrated the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' accounting systems with those of Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). This has facilitated better management of accounts receivable and more effective collection of outstanding debt.

System development began in October 2002 and went into production on May 4th, 2005. Originally piloted with two MACs (Empire, now National

Government Services, and Palmetto), as of April 2012 all Part A and Part B MACs have fully transitioned to HIGLAS. Furthermore, Administrative Program Accounting (APA) was fully transitioned from the legacy Financial Accounting and Control System (FACS) to HIGLAS in December 2012, merging all accounting functions performed by CMS' Central Office.

Since May 2005 through June 2013, HIGLAS has processed almost 5 billion claims totaling \$1.87 trillion

and over 180 million payments totaling \$1.7 trillion. In Fiscal Year 2013 alone (through June 2013), HIGLAS has processed approximately \$600 billion in total payments/disbursements, of which \$340 billion are APA disbursements.

Over the years, the HIGLAS Program Office has grown and is now integrated into the Financial Management Systems Group (FMSG), with over 65 staff members supporting multiple financial systems.

Technology News

The HIGLAS Formatting Tool is a Microsoft Excel add-in, which formats HIGLAS reports into Excel workbooks. Previously, MACs, the main consumer of these reports, had to import the reports manually

into Excel to analyze the data, which was rather time consuming. To simplify the formatting process, FMSG developed the HIGLAS Formatting Tool. This tool has streamlined the process used by contractors to

reformat HIGLAS reports and provides them with the ability to sort the data for analytical purposes. The formatting tool works in Excel 2010 32 bit, Excel 2010 64 bit, and Excel 2007.

Federal News

The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) was created to help implement many provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a historic health reform bill that was signed into law March 23rd, 2010. FMSG is partnering with CCIIO to

integrate HIGLAS with the Federal Exchange Program System (FEPS) by January 2014. These systems will be leveraged to process payments to Qualified Health Plan (QHP) issuers participating in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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~Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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