



## NOVITAS JH SYSTEM ALERT

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Novitas Solutions will be undergoing a Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS) transition involving the JH MAC Part A and Part B workloads which may impact your organization's Medicare payments. Novitas asks that you please take the time to carefully read this information and that you share it with the appropriate staff in your organization.

Effective July 16, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be consolidating financial data that is maintained within the HIGLAS. This transition involves only Novitas' financial accounting system. Novitas will continue to use FISS/MCS for all claims processing activities and there are no impacts to those systems by this transition.

### **Temporary Reduction of the Claims Processing Payment Floor:**

CMS has directed Novitas Solutions to reduce the payment floor for both paper and EDI claims. On **July 16, 2015** the payment floor will be reduced by 1-day for both EDI and paper claims, and payments will be released for claims that have already been approved for payment.

**This temporary 1 day reduction of the payment floor will result in payments being issued early (checks and Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs)).** This may give the appearance that your cash revenues have increased when in fact payments for some of your claims have simply been made earlier than normal.

- July 16, 2015      Last FISS/MCS cycle where payments are generated, which will include the 1-day pay forward
  
- July 16, 2015      HIGLAS transition begins
  
- July 16-20, 2015      Providers may experience a reduction in payments due to the early claim payments issued prior to the transition. Providers need to monitor and manage their cash flows during this time period.

Additionally, as part of this transition, starting on July 16, 2015, the HIGLAS system will not be available for approximately 1 to 2 business days. Please be aware of this impact for any financial related inquiries.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this publication, please contact Novitas Customer Service Call Contact center toll free at: 1-855-252-8782.