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Payment Integrity

FSAC Payments Forum

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What is Payment Integrity and why should you care?

Definition of Integrity

- The quality or state of being complete or undivided : **COMPLETENESS**:
an unimpaired condition : **SOUNDNESS**
- Merriam-webster.com
- 1. adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.
2. the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished
3. a sound, unimpaired, or perfect condition
- Dictionary.com
- Integrity is a concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations, and outcomes.
- Wikipedia.org

Definition of Payment Integrity

Payment integrity means ensuring payments made to people on behalf of government are managed correctly and that appropriate checks exist to minimize the likelihood of errors. Payment accuracy reflects the department's ability to pay the right person the right amount of money, through the right program, at the right time.

- Australian Government Department of Human Services

What can you do to help?

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- Internal Programs
- Ensure data quality of information that is being submitted with payment requests.

Definition of Data Quality

- Data quality is an essential characteristic that determines the reliability of data for making decisions.
- High-quality data is:

Complete: All relevant data —such as accounts, addresses and relationships for a given customer—is linked.

Accurate: Common data problems like misspellings, typos, and random abbreviations have been cleaned up.

Available: Required data is accessible on demand; users do not need to search manually for the information.

Timely: Up-to-date information is readily available to support decisions.

- IBM.COM

- The state of completeness, validity, consistency, timeliness and accuracy that makes data appropriate for a specific use. (Government of British Columbia)

- Wikipedia.org

Fields of emphasis

- PayeeIdentifier - The payee's Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), Vendor ID, SSN, or other valid Payee ID
- PaymentTypeCode
- Address for ACH payments

What Fiscal Service is doing

- Do Not Pay (DNP)
- Treasury Offset Program (TOP)
- Post Payment System (PPS):
 - Altered Check Detection
 - Counterfeit Check Detection
 - Payment Integrity Screening
 - Fraud Identification & Referrals
 - Collaboration w/ Investigation groups

Proposed Changes

- Payment Type – summary level
- Payment Subtype – detail payment level

Draft Proposed Payment Types

- Vendor
- Salary
- Benefit
- Grant
- Healthcare
- Loan
- Reimbursement
- Tax Refund
- Miscellaneous

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