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For: State and County Offices

Payment Eligibility Requiring Tax ID Validation in CRM/Business Partner

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1 Overview

A Background

When a Tax ID is created or edited in a customer's Business Partner record, an IRS validation will take place according to 11-CM, Part 3, Section 2.

The Tax ID must be validated in Business Partner with an IRS Response Code of "TIN and Name Match" or "Manually Validated" for a customer to be eligible for payments with a few exceptions for specific types of customers.

B Purpose

This notice provides information and instructions for ensuring the Tax ID is validated for customers:

- seeking program benefits
- filing a CCC-941.

2 Tax ID Validation in Business Partner

A Payment Eligibility

Beginning April 2018, the IRS Response Code from Business Partner will be used to determine customers' eligibility to receive payments.

If the Tax ID is not validated with an IRS Response Code of "TIN and Name Match" or "Manually Validated", the following message will be displayed on the Common Payment Reports Nonpayment Report or Pending Overpayment Report, "Producer or member's Tax ID number, type, or name is not eligible for payment" according to 9-CM.

If the message displays, ensure the IRS Response Code for the producer or member's Tax ID in Business Partner has been validated without error according to 11-CM, Part 3, Section 2.

If the IRS Response Code is "IRS Not Validated" and the customer's Tax ID type is a social security number, the record is an orphan and requires the Individual record to anchor the SSN Family for IRS validation. See 11-CM, Part 3, Section 5 for corrective action.

The following are **exceptions**.

- Indians Represented by BIA do not require a Tax ID and the IRS Response Code is not required for determining the customer's eligibility for payments.

- The Tax ID number is not validated for customers with an IRS number (Tax ID type equals "I") and the IRS Response Code is not required for determining the customer's eligibility for payments.

- The Tax ID number is not validated for Federal Government Agency (Tax ID type equals "F") and the IRS Response Code is not required for determining the customer's eligibility for payments.

2 Tax ID Validation in Business Partner (Continued)

B AGI 2014 Farm Bill IRS Determination

Beginning April 2018, the AGI 2014 Farm Bill IRS process will automatically update the IRS Determination when all of the following apply:

- CCC-941 is filed for the customer
- IRS processes the CCC-941 and provides a determination
- the Tax ID in Business Partner has been validated with an IRS Response Code of "TIN and Name Match" or "Manually Validated".

  Note: If the Tax ID is not validated in Business Partner with an IRS Response Code of "TIN and Name Match" or "Manually Validated", the AGI 2014 Farm Bill IRS determination in Subsidiary will continue to automatically update if the customer's name and Tax ID in Business Partner match the name and Tax ID returned from IRS as described in 3-PL Rev 2 paragraph 26.

C Reviewing IRS Response Codes for Customers in Business Partner

Business Partner enables users to retrieve and review records with erroneous IRS Response Codes to determine which records require a correction of the customer name, Tax ID or Tax ID type.

See 11-CM, paragraph 91 for additional information on performing the IRS Response Code query in Business Partner.