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OneCode ACS® FULFILLMENT

Primary Audience: OneCode ACS customers or customers transitioning to OneCode ACS

What: Information regarding OneCode ACS data content regarding the Intelligent Mail (IM) barcode

When: Currently

Impact: The presence or absence of the IM barcode in OneCode ACS data.

What you need to do: Read the announcement below:

Our OneCode ACS technical documentation, Publication 8B, states the IM barcode data will be provided in a specific field in the OneCode ACS record *when available*. We do provide the IM barcode data in the ACS record when it is available, but it is not available 100% of the time. For this reason, a OneCode ACS customer should not rely solely on utilizing the IM barcode as a key to match back into an address list. The MID, Serial number and other data elements are available in separate fields within the ACS record that can be utilized to create a key or a secondary key to match back into an address list.

To mitigate the lack of IM barcode data in the OneCode ACS record, the National Customer Support Center (NCSC) has been using a secondary data source to backfill the barcode data into the ACS records. There have been upswings and downturns in the number of records containing the IM barcode data over the year, but our most recent modification has produced very encouraging results. Approximately 90% of the COA and Nixie records are now fulfilled containing the IM barcode data. Each mailer may experience different individual results.

Additionally, a software upgrade for the Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS) is currently field testing and scheduled for Spring 2009 that will further facilitate the capture of the IM barcode in the OneCode ACS records.

Thanks

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