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# Choosing the Best Move Update Method for your Mail

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# **Topics**

- Undeliverable Mail, a USPS® Perspective (Impacts and Costs)
- Move Update Standards (Explain & Define)
- Methods to Manage Addresses
- What Works Best for My List?
- Secure Destruction Service
- Review



### USPS® definition of "UAA Mail"

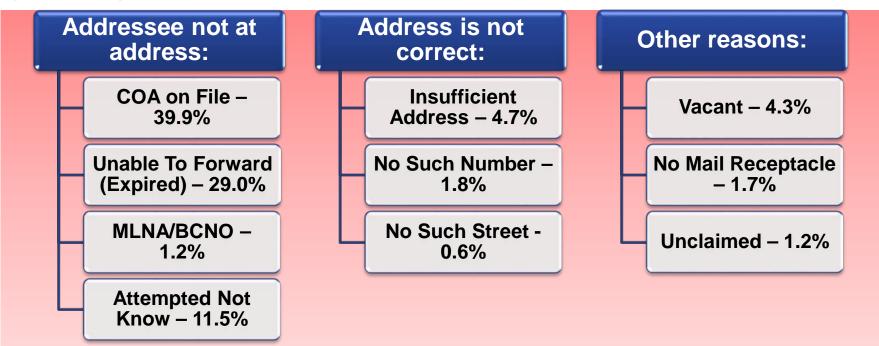
UAA mail is all mail that cannot be delivered to the name and address specified on the mailpiece, and must be forwarded, returned or properly treated as waste as authorized for the class of mail and ancillary service endorsement on the mailpiece.

- Mail may be considered UAA because:
  - The individual, family or business has moved
  - The address is incomplete, incorrect or illegible
  - The addressee is unknown or deceased
  - The addressee refuses or fails to claim the mail
  - The necessary postage has not been paid



# Reasons Why Mail is Undeliverable

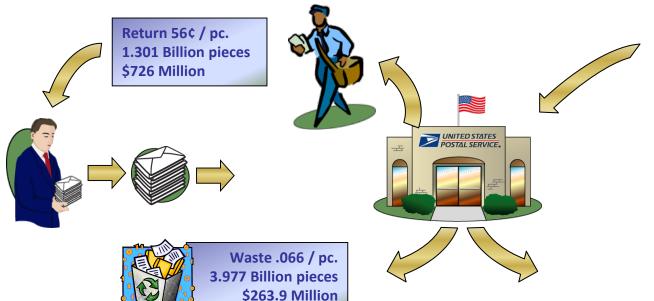
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# Undeliverable Mail, a USPS Perspective

### 2017 Christensen UAA Report



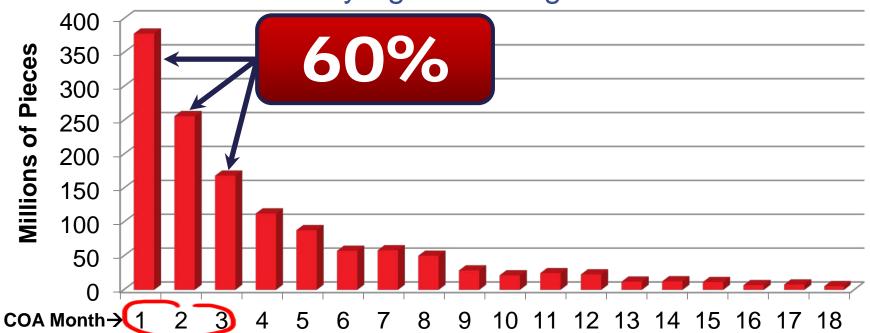






# Undeliverable Mail, a USPS Perspective

First-Class UAA Mail by Age of Change-Of-Address





# Move Update Requirements

# for USPS Marketing Mail® and discounted First-Class Mail®



- Mailers must demonstrate that they have used a USPS® approved method to update addresses used on mail within 95 days before the mailing date.
- There are TWO Exceptions:
  - Addresses directly acquired from the addressee within 95 days of the mailing.
  - Mail bearing an Alternative Address format



# Change-of-Address Update Methods

- Ancillary Service Endorsements is a post-mailing service that provides manual address corrections or return of the mail. Address, Return, and Change Service Requested endorsements meet Move Update standards.
- <u>ACS™</u> is a post-mailing service that acts on the mailpiece to determine the correct disposition of the mailpiece and generation of the mailer-requested address correction.
- NCOA<sup>Link®</sup> is a pre-mailing, secure automated process that allows mailers to submit a listing of names and addresses for matching to a Change-Of-Address record to find a new address. There are four licensing levels available.
- <u>ANK<sup>Link®</sup></u> provides an additional 30 months of COA information and is available to NCOA<sup>Link®</sup> Limited Service Providers and End User Mailers.



# Methods to Manage Change-of-Address

COA Data Age by Method	COA Data	Updated
Ancillary Service Endorsements	18 months	Local – Daily National – Weekly
ACSTM	18 months	Local – Daily National – Weekly
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup> Full Service Provider	48 months	Weekly
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup> Limited Service Provider	18 months	Weekly
ANK <sup>Link®</sup> Limited Service Provider	30 months	Weekly
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup> MPE	18 months	Weekly
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup> End User	18 months	Monthly



# Ancillary Service Endorsements

# Address Service Requested Change

Provides on-piece instructions

Return

- and disposition of the UAA mail piece

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED SERVICE Similar handling for each mail class REQUESTED JANE DOE 225 HUMPHREYS BLVD STE 501 Placement & font rules are essential MEMPHIS TN 38188-0001 Manual PS Form 3547 or returned mail These rules also apply to Different fees applicable based on mail class **FLATS!** 

ABC BUSINESS MEMBERS DIVISION

123 West Pleasant Avenue

Anytown, Nebraska 00000-0000

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**NOTE: "Forwarding Service Requested" does not meet Move Update requirements** & "Electronic Service Requested" may only be used with ACS™



US POSTAGE PAID NEW YORK, NY PERMIT NO. 1

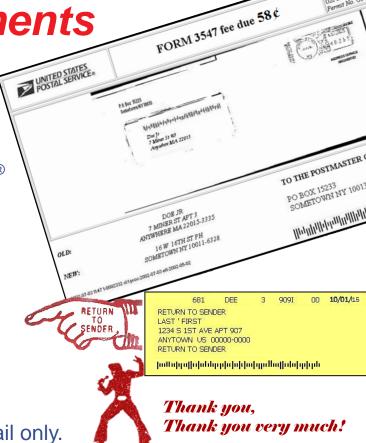
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Ancillary Service Endorsements

- Address Service Requested
  - Forward if possible, return if not
  - Form 3547 for forwarded pieces only
  - Requires weighted fee for returned Marketing Mail<sup>®</sup>
- Change Service Requested
  - All UAA mail is discarded
  - Form 3547 for COA and Nixie
  - Not available for First-Class Mail® (requires ACS)
- Return Service Requested
  - All UAA mail is returned to sender
  - First-Class Mail<sup>®</sup> returned at no charge
  - Marketing Mail<sup>®</sup> returned at First-Class Mail price
  - Temp-Return Service Requested for First-Class Mail only.





### Post-mailing service

- Receive Change-of-Address (COA) and other reasons for non-delivery electronically
- Available for use with all classes of mail
- Combined with Ancillary Service Endorsements\*, such as
  - Address Service Requested
  - Change Service Requested
  - Return Service Requested
- ACS supports the Green & Secure program





<sup>\*</sup> Except Periodicals. No endorsement is required.

Requests made through an ACS Service Type ID (STID) in the Intelligent Mail® barcode (IMb)

- OneCode ACS® or Full-Service ACS
- Traditional ACS is still available. Traditional ACS STID required
- ACS is generated during USPS processing of UAA Mail
- Use the IMb Serial Number to match to the customer record.
   (Traditional ACS may use an optional "keyline")

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BCID | STID |MID | Serial Number | ZIP Code
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#### ACS Green & Secure Benefits:

- Organizations with a "Last Known Address" mailing policy
  - Receive an ACS notices with the new address information.
  - More time to confirm with the addressee before updating.
- Marketing Lists with new names and addresses that were not Directly Acquired.
  - You decide if you want to update and continue to mail to them.
- Not required for EVERY mail piece in a mailing, you may select only those at risk of assessment.
- Those pieces will be removed from the Numerator when calculating the 0.5% error threshold for Move Update Address Quality Assessments.



### ACS Green & Secure Options:

- Intelligent Mail barcode is REQUIRED!
- First-Class Mail<sup>®</sup>
  - Change Service Requested Option 1 or Option 2
  - Secure Destruction Service Option 1 or Option 2
- USPS Marketing Mail<sup>®</sup>
  - Change Service Requested Option 1
  - Change Service Requested Option 2
     (Forwarded USPS Marketing Mail Fees apply to forwarded pieces)



New for 2018 - Secure Destruction for First-Class Mail® FLATS



### ACS Green & Secure Options:

National Association for Information Destruction (NAID)

USPS uses industrial cross-cut shredders

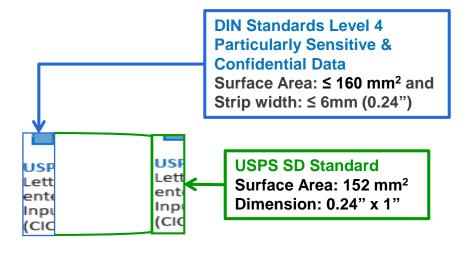
NAID maximum shred size:

Width: 0.75 inch Length 2.5 inches

Surface Area: 1210 mm<sup>2</sup>

USPS® maximum shred size:

Width: 0.24 inch (6mm) Length: 1 inch (25.4mm) Surface Area: 152 mm<sup>2</sup>

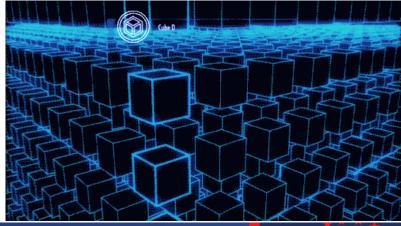




# **NCOA**Link®

### A pre-mailing Move Update method

- Leverages USPS provided data
- Data provided to approved licensees
- Four levels of usage for approved licensees:
  - End User Mailer(18 months of data updated monthly)
  - <u>Limited Service Provider</u>
     (18 months of data updated weekly)
  - Mail Processing Equipment
     (18 months of data updated weekly)
  - Full-Service Provider
     (48 months of data updated weekly)





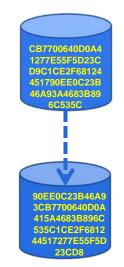
# **NCOA**Link®

### Data source is from change-of-address requests.

 Extremely secure and trusted method of storing information about a customer's change-of-address

> JIM WILSON 123 MAIN ST 12345-1234-23

JIM WILSON
225 N HUMPHREYS BLVD
38188-1001-99



When input information matches name and address from COA then an 11-digit ZIP+4 Code is provided that is translated to the new address:

38188-1001-99

becomes

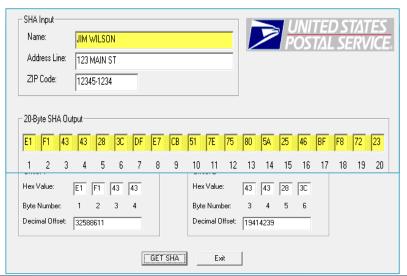
225 N Humphreys Memphis TN 38188-1001

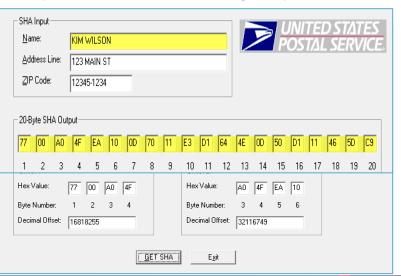




### Matching logic is very conservative

- Designed to eliminate any false-positive updates
- One character variance creates completely different matching keys







# NCOA<sup>Link®</sup> MPE

### Mail Processing Equipment (MPE)

- 18 months of data updated weekly
- Uses OCR Technology to capture name and address from mail
- "Zero-Zero" (00) table available to divert mail for name matching

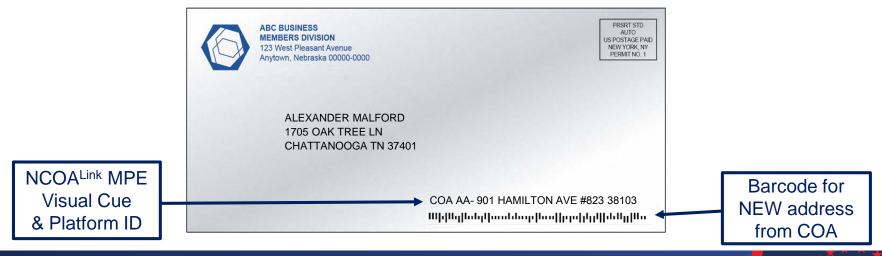




## NCOA<sup>Link®</sup> MPE

#### If matched to a COA

- New address is printed above the barcode
- May require specific name and address formatting on the envelope







### An enhancement to the existing 18 month NCOALink® product.

- Only available to NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Limited Service Providers and End User Mailers. ANK<sup>Link</sup> provides an additional 30 months of COA information.
- Will inform mailers of customer moves that occurred in months 19-48, along with the move effective date.
- Mailer may choose to suppress the customer from the list or seek services of an NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Full Service Provider licensee.



# Move Update Methods Compared

### Examples:

#### Customer Address on File

Name: **JOYCE SIMPSON**Address: **4604 BINGHAM RD** 

City: BALTIMORE

State: MD

ZIP: **12345** 

#### Change-of-Address Info

NCOA Process: **5/21/2017** 

Move Date: 1/14/2015

COA Type: Individual

Last Name: Simpson

First Name: **Joyce Carol** 

Old Address: 4604 Bingham Rd

New Address: 549 Lane Dr

#### Mailpiece as Addressed

NCSC 225 N Humphreys Blvd Memphis TN 38188	TOUCHDOWN 8:45 AM
Address Service F	Requested
Մուժոնինի համա	Մարար Մյլլ Միլիգուս հիստովի
Joyce Simp	son
4604 Bingha	
Baltimore M	RETURN TO SENDER NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED UNABLE TO FORMARD
	BC: 37777143240 •1234-04385-29-23   

Method		
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup>	YES	Full Service Provider only (48 months of COA data). Will not match with LSP, MPE, or End User.
ACS™	NO	COA over 18 months. Mail returned or treated as waste based on class & ACS option.
Endorsement	NO	COA over 18 months. Mail returned or treated as waste based on class & endorsement



# Move Update Methods Compared

### Examples:

#### Customer Address on File

Name: JIM DOLBRY

Address: 123 OAK AVE

City:

COLLIERVILLE

State:

TN

ZIP:

38017

#### Change-of-Address Info

MU Process: 4/21/2018

Move Date: 11/14/2017

COA Type: Individual

Last Name: **Dolby** 

First Name: **James** 

Old Address: 123 Oak Ave Apt 23

New Address: 500 Pine Lake Dr

#### Mailpiece as Addressed

NCSC 225 N Humphreys Blvd Memphis TN 38188



**Address Service Requested** 

իրժիժիժիկիիինակիրժուկանիկժութիւում։

Dolby Jim Dolbry

123 Oak Ave #23

Collierville TN 38017

Method		
NCOA <sup>LINK®</sup>	NO	Misspelled Name
ACS™	YES	Carrier corrected spelling and added apartment. ACS data has correct spelling and old address.
Endorsement	YES	Carrier corrected spelling and added apartment. Form 3547 provided at 59¢



# Move Update Methods Compared

### Review My Options:



 Avoid using Address Service Requested (or Forwarding Service requested) on Marketing Mail due to weighted fee



### Leverage Additional Resources

- Some people don't provide a forwarding address
- It's not required by law
- They forget, don't care or don't want to be found





### Leverage Additional Resources

Consider Commercial Services

Locate people who haven't notified the USPS®



Proprietary Change of Address

compiles moves from magazines, utilities, etc

**Identify Deceased** 



Social Security
Administration

**Death Master File** 

**Append Apartment Numbers** 



Some services can help improve incomplete addresses and increase potential for matching with NCOALink®



<b>NCOA</b> Link®	First-Class Mail	USPS Marketing Mail
Aim	Motive	Intention
Customer Data	Update your list before you mail	Update your list before you mail
Delays	so you can avoid delays caused by forwarding or return of undeliverable mail	so you can get your message delivered
Security	and prevent unauthorized disclosure of sensitive customer information	to the intended recipient
Demographics	by getting your message to the intended customer base	and avoid missed opportunity for new customer & potential loss of existing customer
Cost	and avoiding the need to re-mail.	by not paying postage on mail that will ultimately be discarded as undeliverable-as-addressed.



<b>ACS</b> <sup>TM</sup>	First-Class Mail	USPS Marketing Mail
Aim	Motive	Intention
Customer Data	Receive electronic address correction information that may be used to automate the process for updating your list	Use electronic address correction and non- delivery information to maintain your mailing list
Delays	and decide how you want the mail treated if it cannot be delivered (forward, return, or discard)	using an option that will discard the piece and allow you to use the data to maximize the potential for timely delivery
Security	to prevent unauthorized disclosure of sensitive customer information	to existing and potential customers
Demographics	by getting your message to the intended customer	that are interested in your information, product, or service
Cost	and avoid paying higher manual address correction fees and costs related to handling return-to-sender mail and re-mailing.	and allow you to avoid sending mail to undeliverable addresses or recipients that aren't receptive to your message.



ACS™ with Green & Secure	First-Class Mail	USPS Marketing Mail
Aim	Motive	Intention
Customer Data	When policy indicates you must mail to the address provided by the addressee, but they may not have told you that they moved	Receive electronic notice for mail sent to names and addresses received from a third-party or have not been exposed to a move update method
Delays	use an ACS option that provides electronic address correction information that may also forward the mail if possible (and if desired)	within the previous 95 days so they can be used to update addresses and maximize the potential for timely messaging
Security	and will also provide electronic data that indicates the mail was securely destroyed by the USPS	to current and potential customers
Demographics	so you can contact the customer to validate the change or obtain the correct address	that are interested in your information, product, or service
Cost	and avoid Move Update errors & postage assessments, and also costs related to handling and shredding return-to-sender mail.	and avoid Move Update errors & postage assessments if there is a change-of-address aged more than 95 days before the mailing date.



Ancillary	First Class Mail	LICOC Morketing Mail
<b>Endorsements</b>	First-Class Mail	USPS Marketing Mail
Aim	Motive	Intention
Customer Data	Receive the new address or reason a mail piece cannot be delivered	Receive the new address or reason a mail piece cannot be delivered
Delays	using "Address Service Requested" that directs the USPS to forward if possible and return it if not possible	using "Change Service Requested" that directs the USPS to send you a manual address correction notice (PS Form 3547)
Security	so you can verify the original name and address from either an image of the mail or the returned mail piece	when the addressee has moved or is not at that address
Demographics	and match it to the information in your customer record	so you can use it to either update or remove the record
Cost	and update it manually because you do not have access to or the funds for technology that will automate the update process for you.	and avoid sending mail to undeliverable addresses or recipients that aren't receptive to your message.



- NCOA<sup>Link</sup>® has more conservative matching logic. Consider standardizing your name and address data and format to improve matching potential.
- ACS<sup>™</sup> provides additional COA matches due to timeliness, a more relaxed matching logic, and assistance of Delivery Force Knowledge<sup>™</sup>.
- Using the ACS Green & Secure options help avoid Move Update Assessment charges and the costs associated with returned mail.
- Combining both NCOA<sup>Link</sup> and ACS together produces the best overall results for keeping address lists current.
- It may seem to be a difficult challenge but there are many resources available to help you succeed!



### USPS® Co-Presentation Schedule

#### Sunday

- How Geospatial Mapping Has Revolutionized Postal Operations
   Fharon Hicks Period 1, 9:00 am 10:00 am in Room 304A
- Green & Secure Solutions for Undeliverable Mail

  Jim Wilson, Heather Dyer Period 2, 11:15 am 11:15 am in Room 304C
- Choosing The Best Move Update Method for Your Mail Jim Wilson – Period 4, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm in Room 303BC

#### Monday

- UAA Mail Best Practices and Solutions

  Kai Fisher Period 7, 11:00 am 12:00 pm in Room 302BC
- Undeliverable As Addressed Mail Flow
   Kai Fisher Period 10, 4:00 pm 5:00 pm in Room 302BC

