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Comment

The commenter suggested that CMS define what a successful transition from the payment contingency plan to the implementation of the HIX 820 entails. The commenter recommended that the HIX 820 implementation process include the following:

- A timeline and Final Processes for Monthly 834 Enrollment Reconciliation
- Final HIX 820 Documentation and Requirements
- Issuer Testing
- Additional Time for First HIX 820 Payments

Response

CMS will consider this suggestion as it develops the strategy for transition from the interim payment contingency plan to a permanent payment process. Once developed, CMS will conduct issuer outreach and detail how issuers can successfully transition into the permanent payment process.