

KNOW, DO, SHARE

ENGAGEMENT WITH CLOUD



What you should KNOW?

Why is our cloud migration initiative so important?

- Cloud technologies can enable CMS programs to achieve their missions as quickly, easily, efficiently, and securely as possible.
- Migrating to a cloud environment will enable us to get there by operating more efficiently and transparently so that we can deliver more value to end users and beneficiaries.

What are the benefits of cloud?

- Cloud migration will enable us to focus more on operating expenses vs capital expenses, which means we will be able to purchase needed resources as and when we need it. **In other words, we will only pay for what we use.**
- A cloud environment avoids capital expenses for procuring systems necessary to operate in an on-premise environment.
- A cloud environment offers access to more security and full transparency into the costs of onboarding and operating lifecycles of your applications.
- CMS cloud has access to various programs from Amazon and Microsoft to help offset your onboarding costs for migrating existing on-premise applications.
- Our cloud environment is built on automation, self-service and support.
- Workloads running on the cloud will be more agile.
- All of this will enable us to make smarter decisions faster.



What you should DO?

Create a culture that embraces the cloud.

- First, it's important that everyone understand and embrace the benefits of cloud.
- Educating your teams on the cloud and enhancing their understanding of its potential is critical to overcoming adoption barriers.
- Reassure your teams that the cloud migration will enhance resilience and enable us to make smarter decisions faster.
- Work with the Cloud Team to enhance your own awareness and knowledge of cloud.

How to get engaged.

- Look for opportunities to migrate your applications to the cloud and set up implementation timelines.
- The CMS Cloud Team can support you in migrating projects you are working on into the cloud environment.
- Engage early and often with Cloud Team advisors to help with planning and implementing migration activity. Look for them and related online support at cloud.cms.gov/get-started-CMS-cloud.
- Education is critical. Get your teams engaged in our upscaling exercises so that they understand what the migration is all about at cloud.cms.gov.



What you should SHARE?

The case for change (talking points).

- We need to operate more efficiently and transparently so that we can deliver more value to end users and beneficiaries.
- Migrating to cloud offers us tremendous operational efficiencies. It is a product we can constantly iterate on.
- This is not about costs; it is about spending utilization and leveraging cloud capabilities to deliver things that you as a business owner could not deliver before.
- It will allow us to put our appropriated funds to best use to do things we were not able to do before.
- Cloud provides speed, agility, and elasticity without the bottlenecks.
 - Ex.: If you provision a new server, you need to buy hardware up front and house it in data center.
 - You've spent \$500,000 and may have only a handful of users.
 - When you go to cloud, you can make progressive decisions on your spend and scale.
- You can now apply more of your budget to creating more value.

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