



SIRCON FOR CARRIERS

Producer Central Administration Guide



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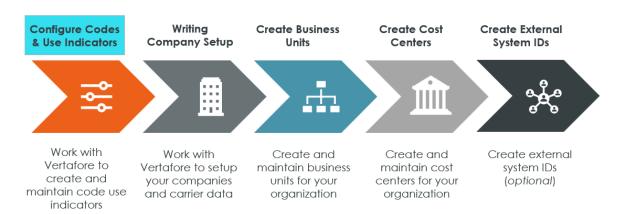


Overview

Introduction and Background

Before you add producers to your organization and set up business units and cost centers, you must first configure codes and code use indicators. In Producer Central, you can configure the system to more closely conform with your organization's business rules or practices.

Initial Sircon Administration Process



There are two different types of codes:

- 1. Code Groups
- 2. Code Use Indicators

CODE GROUPS

Code groups, or code domains, are values that appear in the dropdown menus or combo box fields in Producer Central. Code groups correspond to a particular field in Producer Central, while the actual codes represent the different values that are available within the field.

Producer Central comes with a standard list of Code Groups that are pre-configured with a default list of Code Values. However, you have the option to add or edit existing code values.

One example of a code group is the **Eye Color Code** (EYE_CLR_CD). This field is available in the *Review/Update Individual* screen of the producer record. The preconfigured codes are:

- BLUE Blue
- **BRWN** Brown
- GRN Green
- HAZL Hazel



If your organization needs additional codes, for example if you need to add gray eyes as an option, you can add the code GRAY – Gray to the EYE_CLR_CD code.

CODE USE INDICATORS

Code use indicators determine what types of information are visible within Producer Central. Most information that is available in the NAIC's Producer Database (PDB) can be submitted and tracked in Producer Central, including most:

- Insurance license classes
- Major lines
- Limited or specialty lines
- Related appointment types

In the Sircon Platform, all state-specific license classes, lines of authority (LOAs), and appointment types are represented by database codes.

To configure the system to reflect only the licenses, LOAs, and appointments that are important to your company's business, you can enable certain codes for specific states while disabling other codes that are of no concern to your company.

With code configuration in place:

- Only enabled codes representing licenses, LOAs, and appointments will be available for tracking on producer records or for use as filter criteria when running inquiries.
- A user or automated process may submit a license or appointment request only for a type whose code is available and enabled.
- Automated data reconciliations (such as the Daily PDB Syncs) will only update a
 producer record with information pertaining to a code that is in use in the
 system; it will ignore data relating to disabled codes.
- A producer sales authorization request will only process for product types that are data mapped to licenses, LOAs, or appointments for which codes are enabled.

Unlike **Code Groups**, the **Code Use Indicators** are configured by the Vertafore support team. However, any user with administrative access can view the current code use indicators and request updates to the Producer Central configuration.

As states change their rules and regulations, Vertafore updates the configuration by adding and disabling code use indicators.



What will be covered?

In this guide, we will review how to configure your company's iteration of Producer Central using codes.

We will cover how to add new codes values to code groups and display/edit existing code values.

We will also learn how to display the code use indicators. We will also learn how to review the Sircon Notification emails to learn about upcoming changes to the code use indicators.

Note: Additional quick guides cover the other steps within the Sircon Administration process. Click the links to open the <u>Writing Company Setup</u> guide, the <u>Business Units and Cost Centers</u> guide, or the External System ID guide.

Who should use this document?

Users with Producer Central administrator security access that are responsible for configuring codes for their organization.

When should you use this document?

Use this quick guide when you need to learn how to configure codes in Producer Central.



Maintain Codes

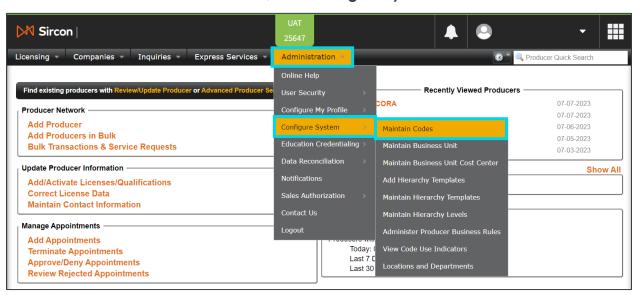
Code groups, or code domains, are customizable fields that contain dropdown menus or combo box selections. Producer Central comes with a standard list of code groups that include standard code values which are preconfigured by Vertafore.

If you have the administrator security role, you can add new code values to code groups and edit existing codes.

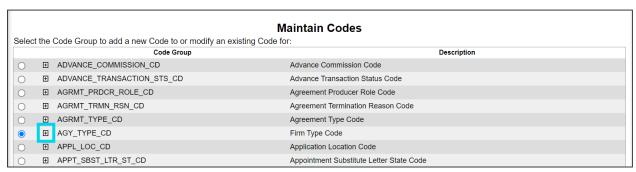
View Codes Groups

In this section, we will learn how to review the current code values within the code groups.

1. From the Administration menu, click Configure System then click Maintain Codes.

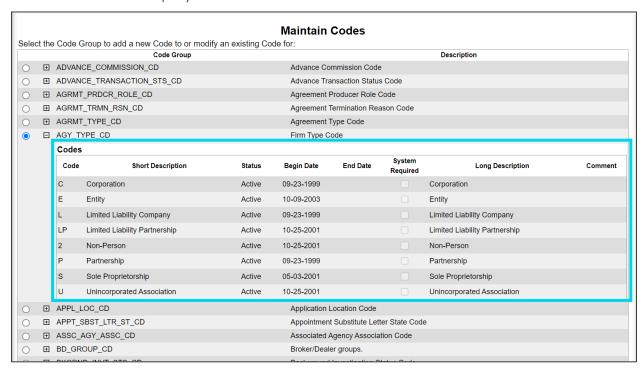


- 2. You will now see the *Maintain Codes* page. The table contains a list of the **Code Groups** and a **Description** of each code group.
- 3. To display a list of the current code values, click the **Expand** button (ℍ) next to the name of the **Code Group**.





- 4. You will now see a list of the code values that are available in the **Code Group**. Here are the fields included in the menu:
- Code: Displays the short alphanumeric code value.
- **Short Description**: Displays a short description of the code.
- **Status**: Displays the status of the code, either **Active** or **Historical**. A code with a Historical status cannot be used but remains in the system for record-keeping or audit purposes.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the code was added to the system.
- **End Date**: If the code is historical, it displays the date on which the code was inactivated.
- **System Required**: The checkbox indicates the system requires the code to remain active. A checkmark indicates that the code cannot be inactivated.
- Long Description: Displays a long description of the code.
- Comment: Displays associated user comments.



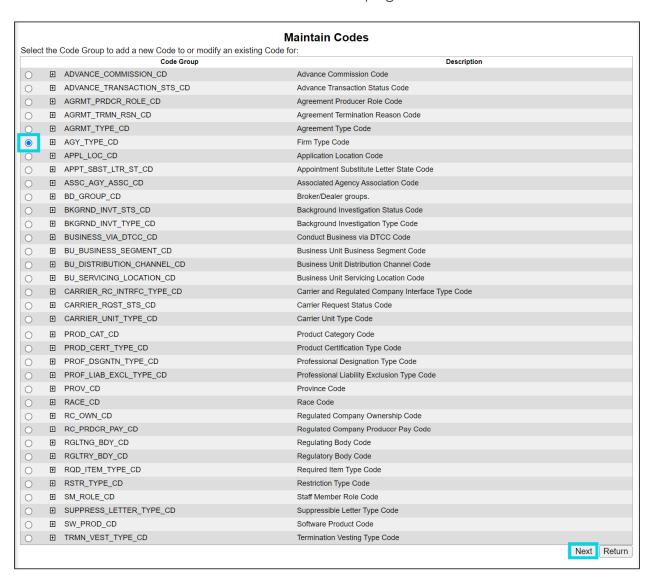
Note: Click the link to view a full list of the <u>Code Groups</u> that are available for user-configuration with detailed descriptions.



Add New Codes

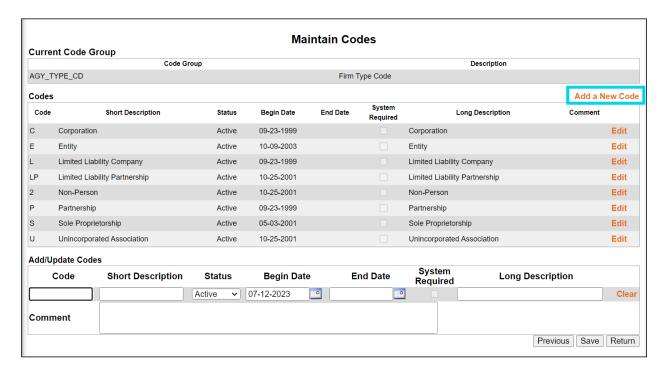
In this section we will add new code values to a code group.

- 1. Click the radio button next to the Code Group you need to update.
- 2. Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the page.

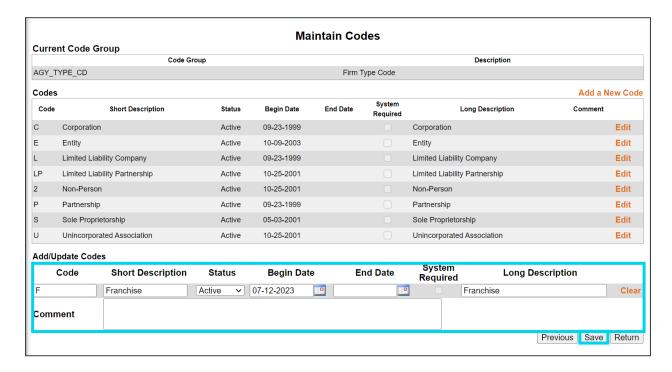


- 3. You will now see the Maintain Codes page.
- 4. Click the Add a New Code button.



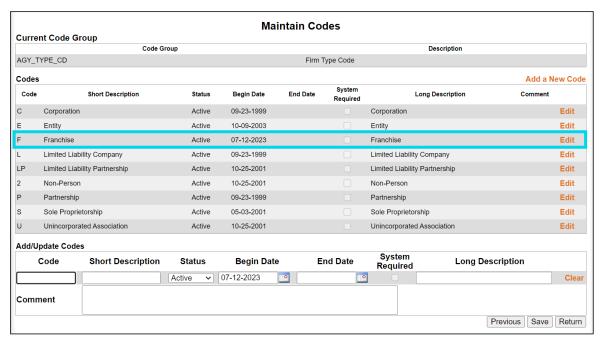


- 5. In the Add/Update Codes section, enter the Code, Short Description, then chose Active in the Status field.
- 6. Enter the Begin Date, then type the Long Description of the code.
- 7. Click Save.





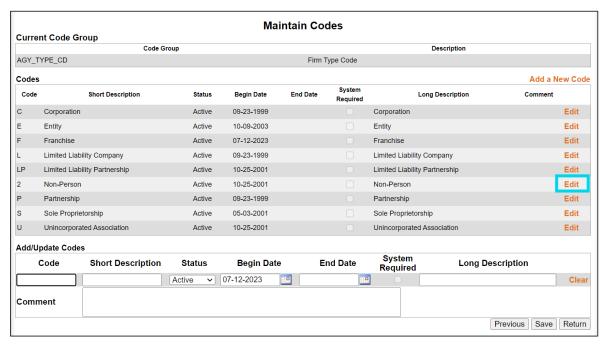
8. The new code will appear on the page and will be available in the dropdown menu of the **Code Group**.



Edit Existing Codes

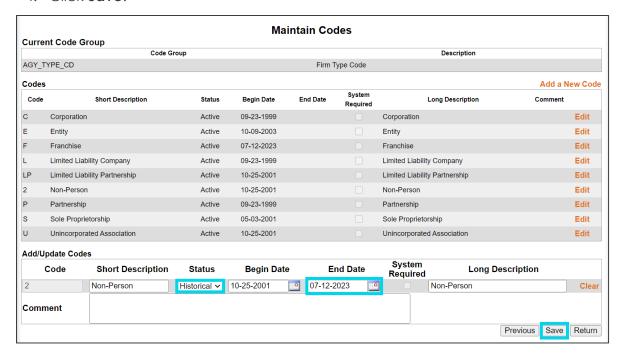
Follow these steps to edit or inactivate an existing code.

1. From the Maintain Code page, click the **Edit** button next to the code you need to update.

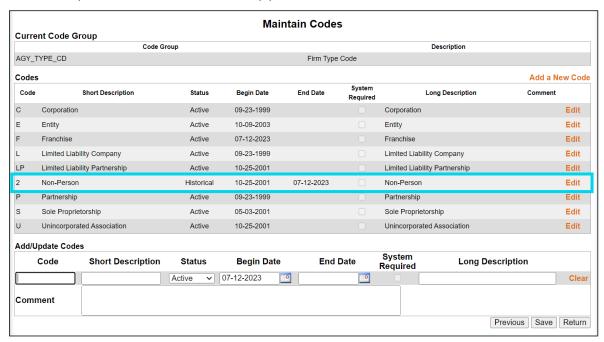




- In the Add/Update Codes section, you can update the Short Description and Long Description of the code.
- 3. If you want to inactivate the code, you can change the **Status** from **Active** to **Historical** and add a value in the **End Date**.
- 4. Click Save.



5. The updated code status will appear in the list.





Code Use Indicators

Code Use Indicators can configure Producer Central to display only the licenses, lines of authority (LOAs), or appointments that are important to your company's business. The goal of code use indicators is to make the system less confusing and error-prone for users.

Using code use indicators, a life/health/annuities carrier can remove data or restrict transactions related to a property/casualty line of business, or vice versa. Carriers can also restrict other types of data such as:

- License classes (license types)
- License categories (South Carolina only)
- Lines of authority (qualifications)
- Appointment types
- Termination reasons (license, LOA, and appointment)
- Education credential course categories

If all code use indicators are enabled, a producer record in your system would contain all a producer's state license and qualification (LOA) information, instead of being filtered to contain only compliance information that is relevant to your company's business.

Some carriers choose to enable all codes with the "all-on" code use indicator approach because they want a "360-degree view" of their agents' compliance records. However, most carrier customers prefer to limit their view to business-centric compliance information.

You can determine which codes are configured to be either enabled or disabled in your company's specific deployment of Producer Central. You also can activate any codes that are of business interest to your company.

Vertafore support teams will work with you to configure your system. You cannot enable or disable code use indicators yourself. To request a code use indicator to be enabled, you must contact your Vertafore representative.

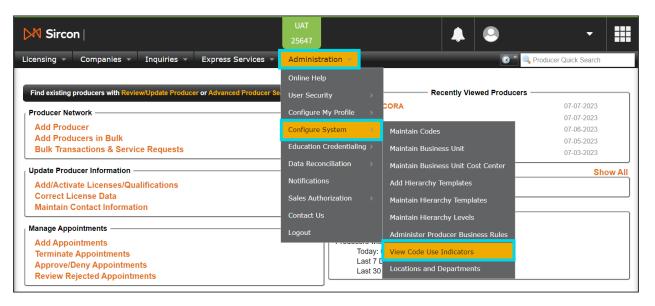
However, you can use the Code Use Indicators page to review the codes that are enabled in your company's instance of the Sircon Platform.



View Code Use Indicators

In this section, we will cover how to display the current configuration of the code use indicators within your organization.

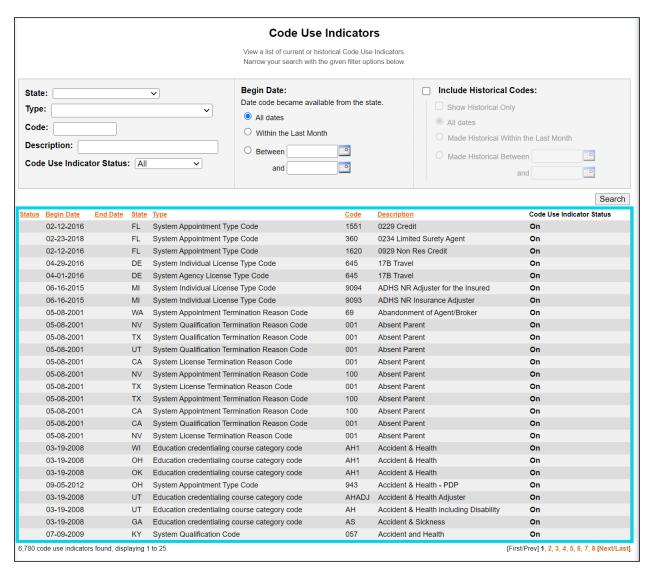
 From the Administration menu select Configure System, and then select View Code Use Indicators.



- 2. You will now see the Code Use Indicators page.
- 3. By default, the page will display the active codes that are in the system for all the states. Codes are sorted alphabetically by **Description**.
- 4. The fields on this page include:
- **Status**: Displays the current status of the code use indicator. A code added within the past 30 days has a value of **New**; a system-inactivated code has a value of **Historical**. All other codes have no status value.
- **Begin Date**: The date on which the code became active in the system.
- End Date: The date on which the code was inactivated in the system.
- **State**: The name of the state that corresponds to the code.
- Type: Displays the code type.
 - Appointment Processing Firm License Category
 - Appointment Processing Individual Licensee License Category
 - Education credentialing course category
 - System Agency License Type
 - System Appointment Termination Reason
 - System Appointment Type
 - System Individual License Type



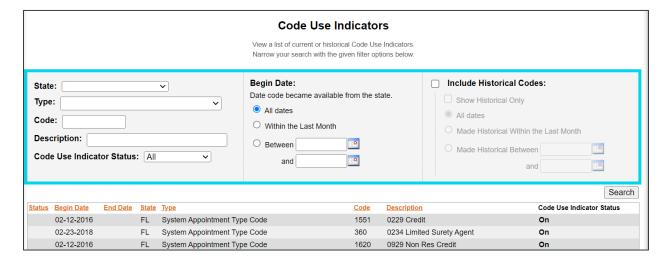
- System License Termination Reason
- System Qualification
- System Qualification Termination Reason
- Code: Shows the alphanumeric code value.
- Description: Displays the long-name description of the code.
- Code Use Indicator Status: Displays the status in your company's deployment of the code in Producer Central.
 - The "On" status indicates that the code is currently enabled.
 - The "Off" status indicates that the code is currently disabled.
 - The status of "Pending" indicates that the code has been selected for activation and is pending becoming enabled.



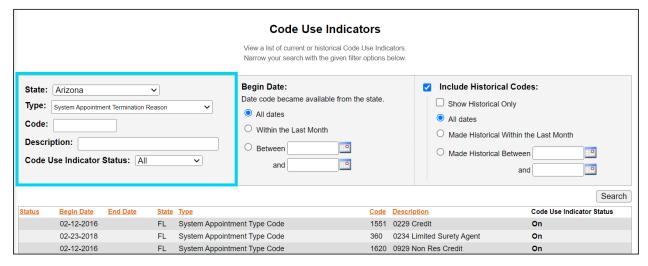


FILTER RESULTS

1. By default, the Code Use Indicators page will display all the active codes in the system. To narrow the results, use the **Filter Options** section at the top of page.

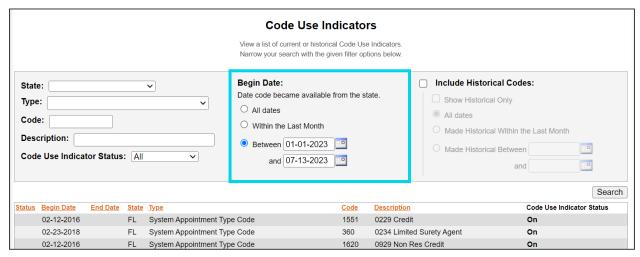


- 2. Here are the different filter options that are available:
- State: Use the dropdown menu to filter the code by a particular state.
- **Type**: Use the dropdown menu to filter the list by a particular code type (such as System Appointment Termination Reason or System Appointment Type).
- **Code**: Type a code or partial code to filter the Search Results. You may enter as few as one character in this field. The system will filter the Search Results to display codes that begin with the entered value.
- **Description**: Type the code description or a partial code to filter the Search Results. You may enter as few as one character in this field. The system will filter the Search Results to display codes that begin with the entered value.
- Code Use Indicator Status: Select a value to filter the Search Results by enabled codes, pending enabled codes, disabled codes, or all codes.



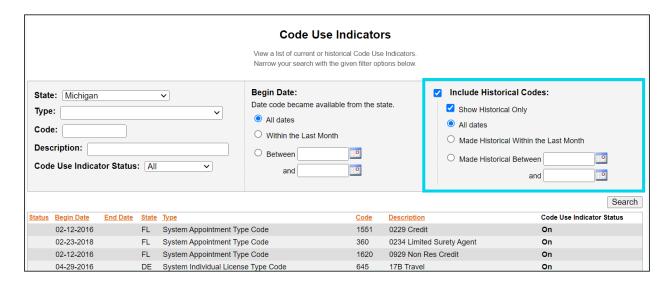


- Begin Date: You can filter the Search Results by a date or range of dates on which a code was added to the entirety of codes in the system. Use the following date filters:
 - All dates: Click this radio button to ignore date criteria as a filter in the Search Results.
 - Within the Last Month: Click this radio button to filter the Search Results to include only codes that were added to the entirety of codes in the system in the past 30 days.
 - **Between [y] and [z]**: Click this radio button to filter the Search Results to include only codes that were added to the entirety of codes in the system within a specified date range, where [y] is the first date in the range and [z] is the last date in the range.

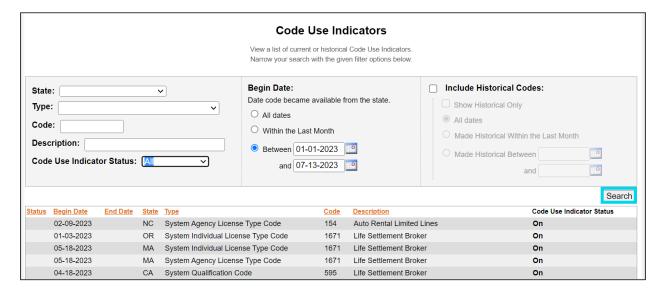


- Include Historical Codes: Click the checkmark to include codes that have been inactivated in the system, usually because of state regulatory changes. An inactive code has a date value in the End Date field and a Status of Historical. You also may filter the Search Results to display codes that were inactivated within the past 30 days or during a specific range of dates.
 - **Show Historical Only**: Click this checkmark to include only codes in the Search Results that have been inactivated in the system.
 - All Dates: Click this radio button to display all inactive codes, regardless of inactivation date.
 - Made Historical Within the Last Month: Click this radio button to display only codes that were inactivated in the system within the past 30 days.
 - Made Historical Between[y]and[z]: Click this radio button to display codes that were inactivated in the system within a specified date range, where [y] is the first date in the range and [z] is the last date in the range.





3. Once you finish selecting your filters, click **Search**.



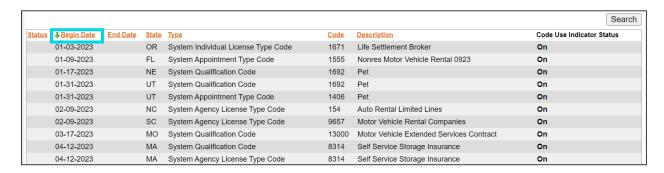
SORT RESULTS

Use the instructions below to sort and organize your search results.

1. Click a column header to re-sort the table by the selected information category.

Note: Click a column heading once to sort the table in ascending order by that category and click it again to re-sort the table in descending order by that category.

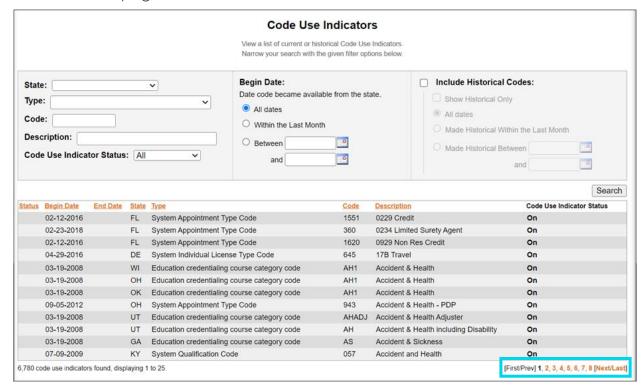




PAGE CONTROLS

If you have more than one page of search results, use the following page controls to navigate to more results.

- **[x] code use indicators found, displaying [v] to [w]**: Displays the total number of codes in the system, and the range in numbers of codes currently displaying in the section. (Maximum 20 per page.)
- First/Prev: Click First to open the first page of results; click Prev to open the preceding page of results.
- 1, 2, 3, ...: Click a numeral to open a specific numbered page of results.
- Next/Last: Click Next to open the succeeding page of results; click Last to open the last page of results.





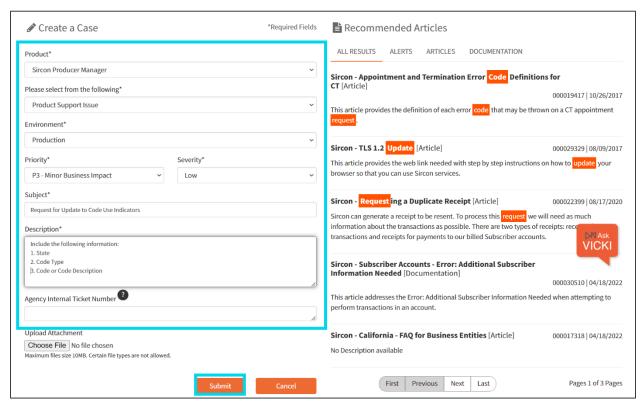
Requesting Code Use Indicator Updates

If you need to turn on or activate code use indicators for your organization, follow the steps below to send a request to your Vertafore support contact.

- 1. Login to the My Vertafore customer support portal.
- 2. Click **Log a Case** to create a new case.



- 3. Include the following information in your case:
 - Product: Sircon Producer Manager
 - Issue Type: Product Support Issue
 - Environment: Production
 - Priority: P3 Minor Business Impact
 - Severity: Low
 - Subject: Request for Change to Code Use Indicators
 - Description: Include the State (or states) where the code is applicable, the Code Type, and the Code Name or Code Description.
- 4. Click Submit.



5. The Vertafore support team will receive your request and will update the configuration in Producer Central.



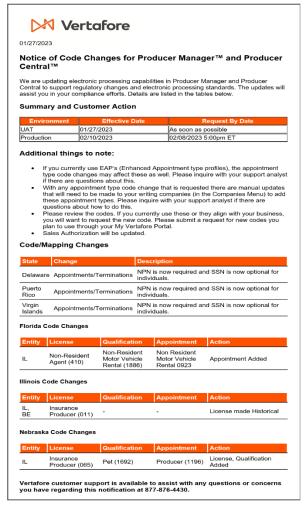
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Sircon Notifications

States frequently inactivate license classes, LOAs, and appointment types, as well as their associated codes, and replace them with new ones. When a code is retired by a state, Vertafore globally makes the code historical in the Sircon Platform and unavailable for future use. However, the code must remain in existence in the system (with a **Code Use Indicator Status** of "On") to support license, LOA, or appointment history in producer records.

On the other hand, Vertafore does not automatically update your company's configuration of the Sircon Platform to support new or replacement codes. Instead, Vertafore sends all the customers of Producer Manger and Producer Central notifications when there are new code use indicators available in the system.

Vertafore sends customers an email called a "Notice of Code Changes for Producer Manager and Producer Central" whenever code use indicators are added to the system or inactivated.





Section: Sircon Notifications

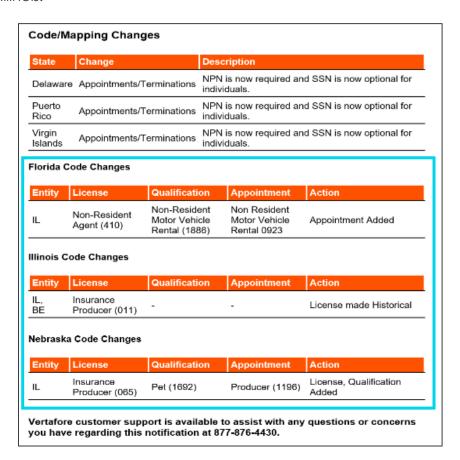
Vertafore recommends that someone within your organization review the Code/Mapping Changes for each state to determine if the code use indicators need to be turned on for your company.

For each **State**, you will see the **Entity Type** that is affected by the change (IL for Individual Licensee or BE for Business Entity) as well as the name of the **License**, **Qualification**, or **Appointment** that is updated. The **Action** column describes the change that was made.

For example, in the code change notification below, the following changes are being made:

- In Florida, Individual Licensees with a Non-Resident Agent (410) license and a Non-Resident Motor Vehicle LOA, are now able to submit Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Rental appointments.
- In Nebraska, Individual Licensees have a new license and qualification added.
 The Insurance Producer License and Pet qualification. The appointment type is Producer.

If Vertafore inactivates codes, you will see a message that an item was made historical in the **Actions** column. In this example, the Insurance Producer license type was made historical in Illinois.

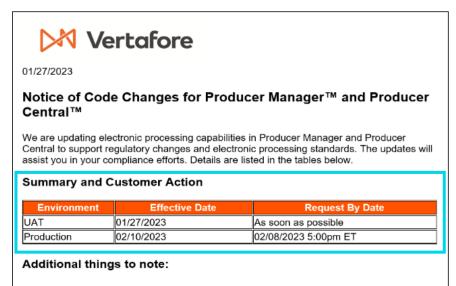




Section: Sircon Notifications

In the Summary and Customer Action section of the notification, you will see the dates that the changes are effective in the **User Acceptance Testing** (or UAT) environment and the **Production** environment.

You will also see the dates you need to request the code changes for the codes to be available for your organization.



- If you currently use EAP's (Enhanced Appointment type profiles), the appointment type code changes may affect these as well. Please inquire with your support analyst if there are questions about this.
- With any appointment type code change that is requested there are manual updates
 that will need to be made to your writing companies (in the Companies Menu) to add
 these appointment types. Please inquire with your support analyst if there are
 questions about how to do this.
- Please review the codes. If you currently use these or they align with your business, you will want to request the new code. Please submit a request for new codes you plan to use through your My Vertafore Portal.
- Sales Authorization will be updated.

If you need any of the code use indicators in the notification turned on for your organization, follow the steps in https://example.com/the-notification-updates section of the quick guide to request assistance from your Vertafore Support Contact.



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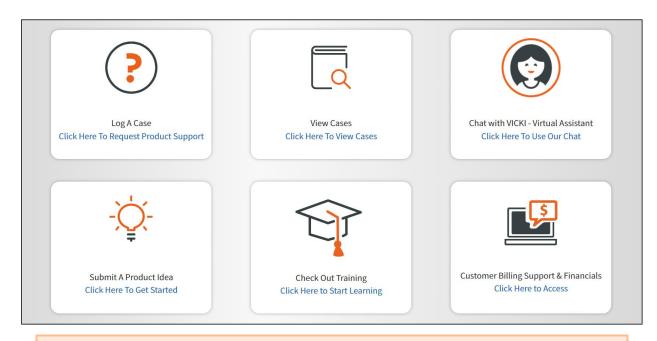
Help is just a click away. Vertafore has two resources available to support you 24/7:

- My Vertafore
- Sircon Support

My Vertafore

My Vertafore is our free online customer support portal and knowledge base. At My Vertafore you can:

- Log a Case Cases are used to request product support
- **Submit Ideas** Send Vertafore ideas for new product features or enhancements
- Search Knowledgebase Search for detailed articles on the Sircon Knowledge Base



Note: Sircon does not use the Submit a Product Idea or Chat with VICKI functions.

Contact Vertafore Customer Support

Can't find what you are looking for at My Vertafore? Our Customer Support team is here to help. Click here to email Support or call 877-876-4430.



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