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Abstract
This IL reports the allocation of 533 as the next NPA code to be assigned for PCS and the protection of other 5XX codes for PCS, should they be required.

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In July 1994, the North American Numbering Plan administrator (NANPA) informed the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) that there is a potential for near-term exhaust of the 500 NPA code assigned for personal communications services (PCS) and requested that the INC inform the NANPA of what NPA codes, if any, should be assigned next for PCS.

The INC has resolved this issue as follows:

1. NPA code 533 is the next code to be used for PCS, if the 500 code exhausts.
2. All NXXs for PCS should continue to be allocated from the 500 NPA code until it exhausts.
3. NPA codes 522, 544, 566, 577, and 588 are to be protected for future assignment for PCS should they be required. NPA code 522 can be assigned once the international roaming conflict issue is resolved between Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The NANPA has taken the appropriate actions in compliance with this resolution.

The action taken by the INC ensures that there will be numbering resources available for personal communications services, in conformance with the INC-developed assignment guidelines, for the foreseeable future .

As of this date, there have been ~325, of a potential 781, NXX codes assigned from the 500 NPA code. Consequently, there is no immediate need to consider the actual assignment of the 533 NPA code for PCS. Network operators should, however, be aware that this assignment is intended, if needed, and, based on the volatility of this particular service, that the assignment could be made with little advance warning.

Any questions regarding the above should be referred to Fred Gaschter on 201-740-4596.

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