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**Abstract**

This IL provides industry notification of the assignment of the 880 and 881 NPAs for the purpose of terminating international inbound foreign billed calls to toll-free numbers in the US.

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The Industry Numbering Committee (INC), a standing committee of the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF), has reached consensus that the 880 and 881 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) codes should be assigned for the provisioning of international inbound foreign billed 800 type service. The North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), therefore, assigns the 880 and 881 NPA codes for this purpose.

The 880 NPA will be used when placing calls originating from countries in the 809 NPA (i.e., Caribbean) and Canada that terminate to 800 numbers in the US in which the caller is aware the international portion of the call will be paid by the caller. Many 800 numbers dialed from the Caribbean and Canada are blocked before reaching their destination in the US. With these assignments, a caller will dial 880 and the last seven digits of the 800 number (i.e., 800 will be replaced by 880) and the caller will be billed for the international portion of the call. The domestic portion of the call will be paid by the 800 number holder in the normal manner.

The 881 NPA will be used in the same manner to place calls from the Caribbean and Canada to the new toll-free 888 NPA when the 888 numbers become available in 1996. In other words, the 880 NPA will be mapped to the 800 numbers, and the 881 NPA will be mapped to the 888 numbers.



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Several important limitations associated with the assignment of 880 and 881 NPAs were established by the INC. The assignment of these NPA resources is being made with an understanding that the inbound foreign billed NPAs (880 and 881) will not be available domestically, i.e., within the boundaries of any country served by the NANP. Furthermore, mindful of the need to conserve numbering resources, it is expected that the directly affected industry participants should develop and deploy a method to accommodate additional sent-paid requirements prior to the assignment of additional NPAs for domestic toll free service so that additional NPA resources for the same purpose as the 880 and 881 NPAs will not be necessary.

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