On July 16, 2015 the New York Public Service Commission in its order of Case Number 07-C-1486, approved an all-services overlay as the relief method for the 315 NPA. The 315 NPA covers the west-central portion of New York serving communities such as Syracuse, Utica and Watertown. The new 680 NPA will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 315 NPA.

An area code overlay allows a new area code to be assigned over the same geographic area as an existing area code, which means any customer requesting additional or new service (e.g., landline, wireless, etc.) could have a different area code for the new number. The overlay results in the need for 10-digit (area code + telephone number) dialing for all local calls.

Permissive 10-digit dialing in the 315 area code began on March 12, 2016. During the permissive dialing period, subscribers may dial local calls within the overlay area on either a 7-digit or 10-digit basis, but will be encouraged to dial 10-digits. After the permissive period ends, all calls must be dialed using 10-digits.

Prior to February 11, 2017:
All telecommunications service providers (CLECs, IXCs, Wireless Carriers, and ILECs) must complete the conversion of their networks to send 10-digit signaling of the called-to party for all calls terminating in all Frontier Communications end offices, access tandems and intralATA tandems in the existing 315 NPA.

Service providers presently utilizing a MF E-911 interconnection in the 315 NPA are strongly advised to convert to SS7. Otherwise, additional Multi Frequency Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (MF CAMA) trunks must be established for the new 680 NPA. Failure to convert to SS7 or establish new MF CAMA trunks in the new 680 NPA by February 11, 2017 may result in E-911 call completion failures.

Beginning February 11, 2017:
10-digit signaling is required for all calls terminating in all Frontier Communications end offices, access tandems, and intralATA tandems in the existing 315 NPA. Failure to comply with the required 10-digit signaling will result in call failures.
Additional information regarding the 315/680 overlay is available on the NANPA website at http://www.nanpa.com. (See Planning Letter Number PL-485.)

A sample customer letter has been developed to assist with communicating permissive and mandatory dialing time frames to end user customers. Please adjust the contact information accordingly.

The 315/680 overlay will not affect existing local calling areas or rates. No existing 315 NPA numbers will be changed and all existing 315 NPA numbers will retain the existing NPA.

If you have questions regarding the information provided in this notice, please contact your Frontier Account Manager.