



CMS SELECTS FINAL FIVE MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTORS (MACs)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today announced the final five contractors that will process and pay Medicare claims for health care services under the Medicare Fee-for-Service program. CMS now has met its goal of awarding all 15 Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) contracts.

The final five Part A and Part B MAC contractors will immediately begin their implementation activities and will assume full responsibility for the claims processing work in their respective jurisdictions no later than March 2010.

The five new MACs are:

- **Noridian Administrative Services LLC (NAS)**
 - ***Jurisdiction 6 A/B MAC*** for Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin
 - ***Home Health and Hospice MAC*** for Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Wisconsin and Washington.
- **National Government Services (NGS)**
 - ***Jurisdiction 8 A/B MAC*** for Indiana and Michigan.
- **Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators, LLC (Cahaba GBA)**
 - ***Jurisdiction 10 A/B MAC*** for Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.
- **Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator, LLC (Palmetto GBA)**
 - ***Jurisdiction 11 A/B MAC*** for North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
 - ***Home Health and Hospice MAC*** for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.
- **Highmark Medicare Services (HMS)**
 - ***Jurisdiction 15 A/B MAC*** for Kentucky and Ohio.
 - ***Home Health and Hospice MAC*** for Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.