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RECOVERY AUDIT
CONTRACTOR (RAC)
REGION 1 AND
REGION 5 HOME HEALTH
& HOSPICE (HHH)







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AGENDA

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1,200 employees

Medicare RAC
Region 1 (NE & MW)—Parts A &
B and Region 5 (National)—
DMEPOS, home health, hospice





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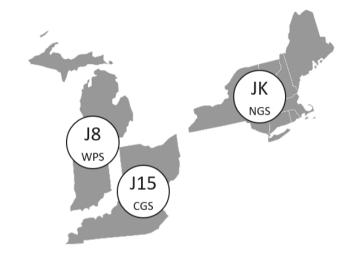
SCOPE OF RAC REGION 1 and REGION 5 HHH's





RAC REGION 1

- Michigan & Indiana
 - o J8 WPS MAC jurisdiction
- Ohio & Kentucky
 - o J 15 CGS MAC jurisdiction
- New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, & Connecticut
 - o JK NGS MAC jurisdiction

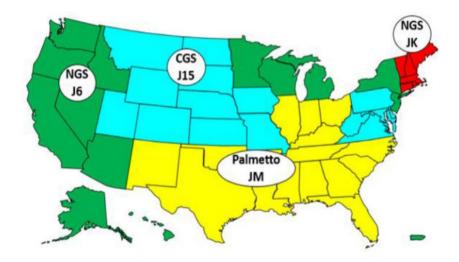






RAC REGION 5 - HHH

- Delaware, District of Columbia, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming
 - o J 15 CGS MAC jurisdiction
- Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Marina Islands, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, US Virgin Islands, Vermont, Wisconsin, Washington
 - o J6 and JK NGS MAC jurisdiction
- States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas
 - o JM Palmetto MAC jurisdiction





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RECOVERY AUDIT GOALS





RECOVERY AUDIT GOALS



TRANSPARENCY

CMS requires the RACs to provide detailed review information concerning new issues on their website (https://performantrac.com/)





CONSISTENCY

All RACs must abide by the same:

- CMS-approved concepts
- Guidelines set by Medicare rules and regulations, LCDs, NCDs, IOMs, SSA, CFR, etc.
- ADR limitation rules
- · Look-back period rules



ACCOUNTABILITY

- Minimum overturn rate for RACs at the first level of appeal must be at or below 10%
- Minimum accuracy rate RACs must maintain is 95%
- Failure maintain these minimums could result in a progressive reduction in ADR limits the RAC is allowed to revies.



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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUESTS (The ADR Letter)





- Facility/Provider/Supplier name and address
- NPI
- Letter Request ID
- Letter Request type and purpose
- Lookback period
- Good cause reasons for reopening a claim
- Links to ADR limits calculations.





PERFORMANT

Region [Region #] Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC)

Date [Request Date]

[Facility Point of Contact] [Physician Practice Name] [Street Address Line 1] [Street Address Line 2] [Citv, State ZIP]

NPI: PTAN: Phone: Fax:

Letter Request ID: Batch ID:

Request Type & Purpose: Additional Documentation Required and Request for Medical Records

Dear Medicare Provider/Supplier,





• Individualized ADR Limits

• Reason for Selection

The maximum number of medical records that may be requested with the exception of CMS-Required Reviews, from you per 45 days is:

[Bill Type	ADR Limit										
[11X	2	12X	0	13X	1	14X	7	15X	0	16X	5
[17X	16	18X	0	19X	18	20X	1	21X	9	22X	10
ſ	23X	0										



1	Bill Type	ADR Limit	Bill Type	ADR Limit	Bill Type	ADR Limit
ı	11X	10	PHYS	8	DME	3

Note: these above are two different samples of the table that will hold the data

Reason for Selection:

Your RAC, Performant, is requesting additional documentation for the selected list of claims as part of a post-payment, complex review approved by CMS. Details regarding the issue(s) identified are listed in the Requested Claims attachment. As a reminder, the RAC may reopen







- Specifies when the records are due by and that you can call for an extension if one is needed.
- Consequences for not complying by due date or extension date
- Please note: if a claim is technically denied, you will have 30 days to submit records from the date of the technical denial. Additional extensions are not granted on claims that were technically denied for non -compliance.

Action: Additional Documentation

Federal law requires that providers/suppliers submit medical record documentation to support claims for Medicare services upon request. Providers/Suppliers are required to send supporting medical records to Performant. Please note that providing medical records of Medicare patients to Performant does not violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Patient authorization is not required to respond to this request.

An extension for the submission of additional documentation may be requested by contacting Performant's Customer Service via email or phone.

When: mm/dd/yyyy

Please provide the requested documentation or contact Performant to request an extension by mm/dd/yyyy. A response is still required by mm/dd/yyyy even if you are unable to locate the

Consequences:

An improper payment (overpayment) will be determined in instances where the provider/supplier fails to send the requested documentation or contact Performant to request an extension by mm/dd/yyyy. After the claim determination has been made, providers/suppliers will receive a Review Results Letter. Providers/Suppliers who wish to discuss the determination may request to







The final pages

- list instructions on how to submit records
- which claims are requested,
- what records should be included to support the review,
- and the barcode sheets for record separation when submitting records.

Please submit all applicable documentation that supports justification of payment of claims corresponding to claim date(s) of service included in this request, including but not limited to the following components of the beneficiary's medical record:

Sample list:

- Ambulance records
- Discharge summary
- Nursing dcoumentation
- Physician notes
- Operative / procedure report
- This is not an inclusive list. All pertinent information must be considered

Beneficiary Information	DOB & DOS		RA Case #	
Name:	DOB:	Check Box		
Claim#:	HIC:	/		
PT Cntrl:	DOS: 9/17/2014 - 9/23/2014	7 , / 1	90033321614	
Amount:		7 <i>V</i>		
Name:	DOB:	Check Box		
Claim#:	HIC:			
PT Cntrl:	DOS: 11/17/2014 - 11/25/2014	7	90033319824	
Amount:		7		
Name:	DOB:	Check Box		
Claim#:	HIC:			
PT Cntrl:	DOS: 4/17/2013 - 4/19/2013	7	90033322414	
Amount:		7		





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RECORD SUBMISSIONS and REIMBURSEMENT





MEDICAL RECORD SUBMISSION PROCESS

- 1. In the barcode sheet below there are 3 distinct record requests. Copy the Bar Code Sheet(s) as the first page for each corresponding set of documents.
- 2. Place a check mark in the box to associate which claim # the corresponding set of documents is for. Records for each claim should be a **separate and distinct bundle**.
- 3. Large record sets should be mailed or submitted via esMD. If faxing, each record set per claim must be sent in a separate fax. Faxes are received electronically and mixed claim records in one fax can lead to errors.

Beneficiary Information	DOB & DOS		RA Case #
Name:	DOB:	Check Box	
Claim#:	HIC:	/	
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Claim#:	HIC:		
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Name:	DOB:	Check Box	
Claim#:	HIC:		
PT Cntrl:	DOS: 4/17/2013 - 4/19/2013	7	90033322414
Amount:		1	

REMINDER:

The records should be submitted by the date designated in the ADR letter. If for any reason, extra time is needed to gather and submit records, call Customer Service at 1-866-201-0580 and request an extension.







MEDICAL RECORD REIMBURSEMENT

The Medicare Program Integrity Manual (PIM) Section 3.2.3.6. provides guidance to RACs on reimbursement for medical records. Performant tracks record submissions and issues a check within 45 days of record submission. There is no requirement to invoice.

Type of Record	$Cost^1$		
PPS Provider Record Reproduction	\$0.12 cents per page, plus first-class postage ²		
Non-PPS Institution and Practitioner Record Reproduction	\$0.15 cents per page, plus first-class postage ²		
esMD Submission	Above reimbursement rates per page plus a \$2.00 per transaction reimbursement in lieu of postage		

¹ Providers under a Medicare reimbursement system (e.g., critical access hospitals) receive no photocopy reimbursement.



² Maximum reimbursement to a provider per medical record if sent via esMD shall not exceed \$27 (including a \$2 transaction reimbursement) or \$15 (including first class postage) if sent any other method.

RAC Review Types





RAC REVIEW TYPES

Automated	Complex	CMS Required
 Does not require review of medical record documentation for claim determination Claims identified through systematic edit parameters based on Medicare regulations/policies and billing guidelines RAC issues Informational/Initial Findings Letter (IFL) to the provider as notification of improper payment Provider has 30-days from the IFL date to file a Discussion Request with the RAC. Claim may be submitted to MAC for adjustment on day 31 	 Requires medical record documentation to be reviewed for claim determination Additional Documentation Request (ADR) letters are sent in accordance with CMS Approved Provider ADR Limits RAC issues ADR to provider Provider has 45-days to furnish documentation to RAC Clinical review completed within 30 days of receipt of provider's documentation Provider has 30-days from the Review Results Letter date to submit a Discussion Request with the RAC Claim may be submitted to MAC for adjustment on day 31 	 RAC is required to perform CMS referred, provider specific reviews on approved issues Requires medical record documentation to be reviewed for claim determination Not subject to and/or counted towards CMS Approved Provider ADR Limits RAC issues ADR to provider Provider has 45-days to furnish documentation to RAC Clinical review completed within 30 days of receipt of provider's documentation Provider has 30-days from the Review Results Letter date to submit a Discussion Request with the RAC Claim may be submitted to MAC for adjustment on





Discussions and Appeals





DISCUSSION PERIOD

PURPOSE: To offer providers the opportunity to submit additional information if they disagree with the review determination.

SUMBISSION:

The Discussion request form can be found on our website in the supporting resources section. Include evidence to support why you believe the claim was properly coded, correctly billed, and should be covered by Medicare.

PROCESS:

RAC considers the additional information, reaudits the account, and either upholds or overturns the original decision.

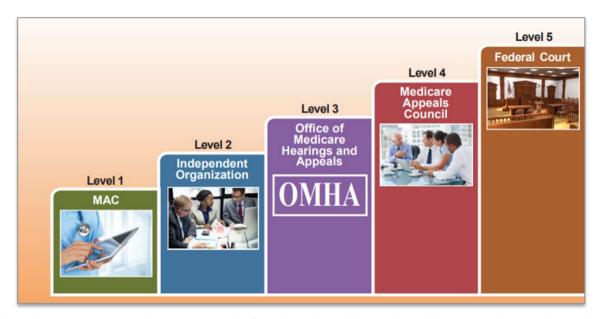
BENEFIT:

If a decision is overturned during the Discussion Period, the RAC will not send an adjustment to the MAC; no further action will be required of the provider.





APPEAL PROCESS PART A & B



Below is the link to the document on the CMS website that details and guides you through each appeal process.



https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Recovery-Audit-Program/Downloads/Medicare-Parts-AandB-Appeals.pdf

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RAC WEBSITE RESOURCES





RAC WEBSITE RESOURCES







RAC WEBSITE RESOURCES (CONT.)



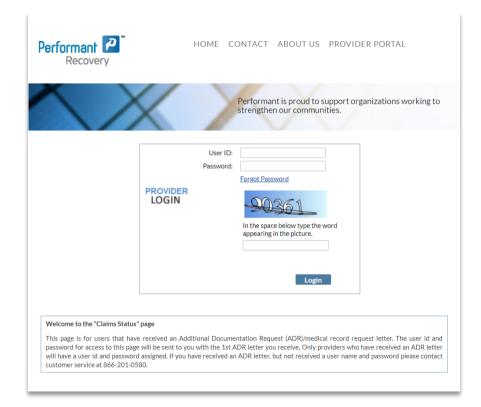






PROVIDER PORTAL: LOGIN

After you accept the terms of usage this login screen will appear. The information to log onto the website is provided to you in writing via a "Welcome Letter" from Performant. If you cannot locate this information, contact Performant's Customer Service team at 1-866-201-0580 and they will assist you.







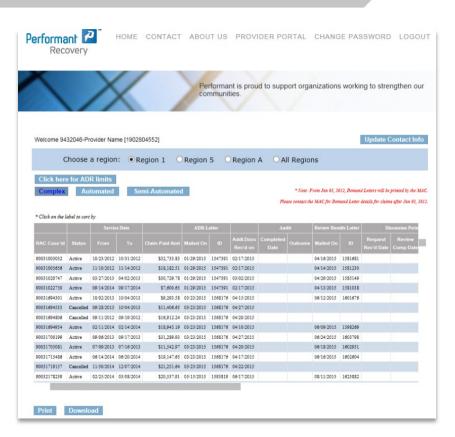


PROVIDER PORTAL: WHAT'S INSIDE

- Provider's overall ADR limit
- ADR letter mailed date
- Medical documentation received date
- Medical review completed date
- Outcome of the review (overpayment, underpayment, no finding)
- Discussion Period information
- Appeals outcomes
- Case closure date
- Update contact information

NOTE: The portal is updated nightly.









PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION CUSTOMIZATION

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HERE.					
RAC REQUEST FOR PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION					
Performant Recovery is the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) for Regions 1 and 5. Please provide your contact information for both Medical Record Requests and Review Results Letters/Discussion Period Letters below. If you represent multiple facilities/providers, please complete this form for each facility/provider or you can complete the Excel spreadsheet linked below. If you utilize the Excel spreadsheet, email the completed form to our RAC Customer Service Team.					
ProviderAddressUpdateSpreadsheet					
Please ensure all required fields are completed in each section					
Please indicate your State *					
AL V					
Provider Name *	NPI # *				
Hospital/Physician Group Name *					
	☐ Same as NPI(Note: If you are a hospital your NPI# and your Group NPI# are the same #.)				
Tax Identification #*	Group NPI # *				
Does your facility/office bill under any other NPIs? Yes O No					
If yes, please fill out a form for each NPI, or alternatively please download and					
submit the Provider Address Update Spreadsheet from above to info@performantrac.com					





CONTACT INFORMATION

• Performant

o To ll-free: 1-866-20 1-0580

o Medical Record Fax: 1-325-224-6710

o Discussion Request Fax: 1-833-366-9118

o Website: https://PerformantRAC.com

o Email: info@performantRAC.com

o Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m.

• CMS

Website: https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/monitoring-programs/medicare-ffs-compliance-programs/recovery-audit-program/



MACs

- Primary contact for all processes related to payments, recoupments, refunds, and Level 1 appeals inquiries.
- o Region land Region 5 Jurisdictions

• CGS: J15, JB, and JC

NGS: J6 and JK

Noridian: JA and JD

Palmetto: JM

■ WPS: J8



CGS MedicareSM App

CGS MedicareSM App Guide

(https://www.cgsmedicare.com/pdf/cgs medicare app guide.pdf)



GoToStage Video Channel!

CGS has recently made improvements to access the Part A, Part B, and the Home Health & Hospice webinar recordings. Access will be provided to all the J15 recorded webinars through GoToStage Video Channel (https://www.gotostage.com/channel/j15education).

- Webinars will display as:
 - Featured Videos
 - Recently Added
 - myCGS
 - Line-of-Business specific (A/B/HHH)
- Select the webinar and register to view
- Transcript also available



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GET EVEN MORE RESOURCES:

- · CMS MLN Web page: https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo. This includes the MN Connects, MLN articles, and more.
- Electronic Mailing List page at: https://www.cms.gov/ Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSProvPartProg/ Electronic-Mailing-Lists
- · CMS e-mail updates at: https://public.govdelivery. com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?pop=t&topic_ id=USCMS 7819

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Check out our calendar of events! Be sure to join us for our upcoming webinars. Click on the link below:

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 - Home Health and Hospice Calendar of Events (https://www.cgsmedicare.com/
 medicare dynamic/wrkshp/pr/hhh report/hhh report.aspx)
- Part A
 - Part A Calendar of Events (https://www.cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/ wrkshp/pr/parta report/parta report.aspx)
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 - Part B Calendar of Events (https://www.cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/wrkshp/pr/partb_report/partb_report.aspx)

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