

**Palmetto GBA, LLC, Protest of Award for  
Jurisdiction C Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor**

- On October 6, 2006, Palmetto GBA, LLC, (Palmetto) filed a protest of the Jurisdiction C Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC) award made under solicitation CMS-2005-0012.
- Palmetto's protest is of the award announced by CMS on September 28, 2006 for Jurisdiction C DME MAC made to CIGNA Government Services, LLC (CIGNA).
- The protest was filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- Once the record is complete, GAO will consider the protest and decide the case through a written decision. GAO may make a decision anytime during the protest process. They may decide to dismiss the protest or encourage the parties to settle. At the latest, the decision will be issued 100 days after the protest was filed. In this case, the deadline for the GAO decision on the protest is January 16, 2007.
- The timely filing of the protest triggered an automatic statutory stay on performance of the CIGNA contract pending GAO's decision on the protest.
- The states included in Jurisdiction C are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- Palmetto currently serves as the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier for the majority of the states in Jurisdiction C. The exceptions are Virginia and West Virginia which currently are serviced by AdminaStar Federal, Inc., the DME MAC for Jurisdiction B.
- Palmetto will continue to serve DME suppliers as the DMERC while the protest is reviewed by GAO and the stay is in place.