

## **Jurisdiction C DME MAC -- Palmetto GBA, LLC FACT SHEET**

January 2006 Contract Award

- On January 6, 2006, CMS announced that the incumbent contractor, Palmetto GBA, LLC (Palmetto) has been awarded the DME MAC contract for Jurisdiction C.
- 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 DMERC for the majority of the states in Jurisdiction C. The exceptions are Virginia and West Virginia which are currently serviced by AdminaStar Federal, Inc.
- Neither the suppliers nor the beneficiaries who receive services from this DMERC will be adversely affected by the change to the DME MAC.
- Palmetto was also awarded the contract options for Medicare Electronic Data Interchange System (MEDIS) and the Data Center. They also were awarded the contract options for the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) and Data Analysis and Coding (DAC). Palmetto GBA is the incumbent contractor for the NSC and DAC activities.
- The total potential contract value, including the base year and four 1-year options, is \$184,219,718.
- Palmetto's DME MAC C operations will be headquartered in Columbia, SC.
- As of 2004, approximately 13,332,686 Medicare beneficiaries reside in the states in this jurisdiction. Also, approximately 43.3% of the national DME claims workload is in this jurisdiction. As of August 2005, 42,407 DME suppliers provide services in this jurisdiction.
- In general, there will be an overall reduction in the number of staff that the DME MACs will need to employ in comparison to the current DMERCs. This reduction is due to both increased efficiencies of the DME MACs and the shift of work to functional contractors including, Qualified Independent Contractors, Payment Safeguard Contractors, the Beneficiary Contact Center, Common Front End maintainer, and Consolidated Data Center. The affect on each DME MAC will differ.