



It's Not Too Late to Give and Get the Flu Shot! In the U.S., the peak of flu season typically occurs anywhere from late December through March; however, flu season can last as late as May. Each office visit presents an opportunity for you to talk with your patients about the importance of getting an annual flu shot and a one time pneumococcal vaccination. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends by getting and giving the flu shot. **Don't Get the Flu. Don't Give the Flu. Get Vaccinated!** Remember - Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations and their administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are NOT Part D covered drugs. You and your staff can learn more about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and related provider education resources, by reviewing Special Edition MLN Matters article SE0748 at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE0748.pdf> on the CMS website.

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New Contractor Numbers for the State of California -Jurisdiction 1 Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload

Note: This article was updated on July 6, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare carriers in the State of California transitioning to the Jurisdiction 1 Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

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Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5905, which changes the contractor numbers for the State of California as this claims processing work transitions to Jurisdiction 1 Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload.

Background

Change Request (CR) 5905 notifies all interested parties that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) needs to change the contractor numbers in the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdiction 1 (J1) state of California when that state is transitioned to J1. This change needs to be made because certain applications require separate contractor numbers for each state. For example, providers using free billing software from the Medicare carrier may want to obtain updated versions of the software from the A/B MAC, once CR5905 is effective in order to have the correct contractor number in that software.

Claims for the state California will be processed by the J1 MAC using the contractor numbers and effective dates listed below.

Note: Wisconsin Physicians Services Ins. Corp. Medicare providers (formerly Mutual of Omaha) will continue to do business with Wisconsin Physicians Services Ins. Corp.

The following table reflects the change in numbers:

<u>PART B</u>	<u>New Contractor Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Current Contractor Number</u>
California North	01102	TBD	31140
California South	01192	TBD	31146

The address associated with the new Jurisdiction 1 (J1) A/B MAC numbers is:

Palmetto GBA
17 Technology Circle
Columbia, SC 29203

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 5905, issued to your Medicare carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and->

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[Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R323OTN.pdf](#) on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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