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Implementation of the Award for Jurisdiction A Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload

Note: This article was revised on April 22, 2016, to correct the Noridian address in the Background Section. The transmittal number, Change Request (CR) release date and link to the transmittal also changed. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for DME suppliers submitting claims to the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Administrative Contractor (DME MACs) in Jurisdiction A, which serves Medicare beneficiaries who reside in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont, and the District of Columbia

What You Need to Know

CR 9546 announces the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (Noridian), a new contract for the administration of Medicare Fee-for-Service claims for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) in Jurisdiction A (JA). Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

On December 16, 2015, CMS awarded Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (Noridian), a new contract for the administration of Medicare Fee-for-Service claims for DMEPOS in JA. Noridian is based at 900 42nd Street South, Fargo, North Dakota 58103-2146.

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NHIC, Corp. (NHIC), the incumbent contractor, is located at 75 William Terry Drive, Hingham, Massachusetts 02043.

Medicare DMEPOS suppliers serving Jurisdiction A beneficiaries should continue to submit their paper claims to NHIC until CMS completes the transition of Jurisdiction A operations to Noridian. Electronic claims should continue to be submitted to the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) both prior to and post transition.

CMS has determined that the JA workload currently processed by NHIC will require a new workload number when transitioned. The JA DME MAC workload number 16013 will be effective on the implementation date of CR9546. NHIC will be preparing an article explaining the workload number changes and will post that article on their website. NHIC will also include this information in a listserv message as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days prior to the implementation of CR9546.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9546 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1642OTN.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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March 17, 2016	The article was revised to modify language regarding submission of certain claims in paragraph 3 of the Background section.
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