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DME MAC NEWS #1 - DME Medicare Administrative Contractors' (MACs) Implementation – Information for Suppliers

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers that bill Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) for their services, especially suppliers in the states of **Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia**

Background

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (P.L. 108-173) allowed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to take appropriate steps to transition from contracts under Section 1842(a) of the Social Security Act to contracts with MACs under section 1874A.

The changes to Medicare's administration of the fee-for-service program (Medicare Contracting Reform) are designed to increase the efficiency of Medicare's claim processing and related functions. They will benefit Medicare providers and Medicare's enrollee population.

For more information on Medicare Contracting Reform and plans for the acquisition and implementation of MACs, please see MLN Matters article SE0624 at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0624.pdf> on the CMS website or visit the Medicare Contracting Reform webpage at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/MedicareContractingReform/Spotlight.html> on the CMS website.

On January 6, 2006, CMS announced the initial awards of contracts to four DME MACs.

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Additional Information

For additional information about Medicare Contracting Reform, and specifically the DME MAC transition process, please refer to

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/MedicareContractingReform/Spotlight.html> on the CMS website.

For information about Medicare Provider-Supplier Enrollment, please refer to

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/index.html/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/> on the CMS website.

Form CMS 855S, Medicare Federal Health Care Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application, can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms855s.pdf> on the CMS website.

SE0540, CMS Releases New Educational Guide on Remittance Advice (RA) Notices, is located at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0540.pdf> on the CMS website.

SE0611, Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Software, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0611.pdf> on the CMS website.

SE0624, Assignment of Physicians and Providers to the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), can be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/SE0624.pdf> on the CMS website. This last article provides an overview of the Medicare Contracting Reform process as it applies to providers and suppliers.

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