



**News Flash - Test Your Medicare Claims Now!** After you have submitted claims containing both National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) and legacy identifiers and those claims have been paid, Medicare urges you to send a small batch of claims now with only the NPI in the primary provider fields. If the results are positive, begin increasing the number of claims in the batch. (Reminder: For institutional claims, the primary provider fields are the Billing and Pay-to Provider fields. For professional claims, the primary provider fields are the Billing, Pay-to, and Rendering Provider fields. If the Pay-to Provider is the same as the Billing Provider, the Pay-to Provider does not need to be identified.)

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## **New Contractor Numbers for the States of Nevada and Hawaii and also American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianna Islands -Jurisdiction 1 Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload**

### **Provider Types Affected**

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare carriers in the States of Nevada and Hawaii, as well as in the American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianna Islands transitioning to the Jurisdiction 1 Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### **Provider Action Needed**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5904 which changes the contractor numbers for the States of Nevada, and Hawaii, as well as American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianna Islands as this work transitions to Jurisdiction 1 Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload.

### **Background**

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Change Request (CR) 5904 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) states of Nevada and Hawaii and in American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianna Islands when those states become live in 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 CR5904 is effective in order to have the correct contractor number in that software.

Claims for the states of Nevada and Hawaii and for American Samoa, Guam and Northern Marianna Islands 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:

<b><u>PART B</u></b>	<b><u>New Contractor Number</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contractor Number</u></b>
Hawaii including American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Marianna Islands	01202	TBD	00833
Nevada	01302	TBD	00834

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 5904, issued to your Medicare carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at

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<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R324OTN.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.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

***News Flash*** - **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.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0748.pdf> on the CMS website.

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