



**News Flash** - The transcript of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ICD-10-CM/PCS National Provider Conference Call for Physicians that was held on November 17, 2008, is now available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD10/Downloads/November17calltranscript.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website.

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## **New Contractor Numbers for the Jurisdiction 9 (J9) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Part A and Part B Workloads for the State of Florida and Territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands**

**Note:** This article was revised on January 20, 2009, to clarify the Provider Types Affected section, by referencing the A/B MACs. All other information is unchanged.

### **Provider Types Affected**

Physicians, providers, and suppliers in the state of Florida and territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands submitting claims to 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) 6285, which announces that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will issue new workload numbers to replace the existing contractor numbers for the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdiction 9 (J9) Part A and Part B workloads in the State of Florida and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. These changes are being made because certain CMS claims systems rely on these numbers for processing purposes. Some provider systems may also rely on these numbers.

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## Background

The workloads to be transitioned, effective dates and new numbers are indicated in the following tables:

PART A	MAC Workload Number	Effective Date	Current Contractor Number
Florida	09101	02/16/2009	00090
Puerto Rico Virgin Islands	09201	03/02/2009	57400 and 00468

PART B	MAC Workload Number	Effective Date	Current Contractor Number
Florida	09102	02/02/2009	00590
Puerto Rico	09202	03/02/2009	00973
Virgin Islands	09302	03/02/2009	00974

The Florida Part A and Part B workloads are currently processed by:

**First Coast Service Options, Inc**  
(BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA, INC.)  
532 Riverside Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

The Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands Part A workload is currently processed by:

**Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de Puerto Rico**  
GPO Box 363428  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-3428

The Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands Part B workload is currently processed by:

**Triple-S, Inc.**  
Box 71391  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-1391

In the event the MAC transition needs to be delayed, CMS will provide as much notice as possible to affected Medicare contractors, but no less than five business days prior to the planned effective date.

Finally, CMS is studying how best to transition to the applicable MACs the workload covered by contractor workload number 52280, which was formerly processed by Mutual of Omaha and is currently processed by Wisconsin

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Physicians Service (WPS). CMS will notify all parties concerned as soon as its instructions are finalized for that transition.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 6285, issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R423OTN.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or 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 seasonal flu time again! If you have Medicare patients who haven't yet received their flu shot, you can help them reduce their risk of contracting the seasonal flu and potential complications by recommending an annual influenza and a one-time pneumococcal vaccination. Medicare provides coverage of flu and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration. – And don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. **Get Your Flu Shot – Not the Flu. Remember** - Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. Health care professionals and their staff can learn more about Medicare's coverage of the influenza vaccine and other Medicare Part B covered vaccines and related provider education resources created by CMS, by reviewing Special Edition *MLN Matters* article SE0838, which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0838.pdf> on the CMS website.

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