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Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Transmittal 1314	Date: November 13, 2013
	Change Request 8303

Transmittal 1246, dated June 7, 2013, is being rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 1314 to change the CMS Business Requirement (BR) 8303.62 under Section III of the Provider Education Table. CMS will not be publishing provider education on the Medicare-Learning-Network. The BR has been updated, instructing the A/B MAC to post this instruction to their Web sites and provide information about it in a listserv message within one week of the reissuance of this instruction. All other information remains the same.

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Award for the Jurisdiction K (JK) Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) to National Government Services

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required to compete each A/B MAC workload at least once every 5 years. It recently did so for the JK A/B MAC workload formerly known as Jurisdiction 13 and Jurisdiction 14. Jurisdiction 13 is comprised of Part A and Part B for Connecticut and New York. Jurisdiction 14 is comprised of Part A and Part B for Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont as well as the Home Health and Hospice (HH+H) Region A states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The HH+H workload was formerly known as the Regional Home Health Intermediary (RHHI) workload. CMS awarded this JK workload to National Government Services (NGS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 7, 2013

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:

Funding or implementation activities will be provided to contractors through the regular budget process

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required to compete each A/B MAC workload at least once every 5 years. It recently did so for the JK A/B MAC workload formerly known as Jurisdiction 13 and Jurisdiction 14. Jurisdiction 13 is comprised of Part A and Part B for Connecticut and New York. Jurisdiction 14 is comprised of Part A and Part B for Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont as well as the Home Health and Hospice (HH+H) Region A states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The HH+H workload was formerly known as the Regional Home Health Intermediary (RHHI) workload. CMS awarded this JK workload to National Government Services (NGS).

NGS is the incumbent for the current J13 portion of the workload. The address for NGS is: 8115 Knue Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

NHIC, Corp. (NHIC) is the outgoing contractor for the current J14 portion of the workload. The address for NHIC, Corp. is: 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Drive, Hingham, MA 02043.

CMS has determined that it will not need to change the current Jurisdiction 13 Part A and Part B Connecticut and New York Part A workload numbers when this new contract is implemented on June 1, 2013. CMS will, however, need to change the workload numbers for the J14 Part A and Part B Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Home Health and Hospice Region A workloads. This change is being made because CMS needs to differentiate between the workload processed by the outgoing contractor and the incoming contractor.

The workload numbers shall be changed and the workloads shall be transitioned to the JK A/B MAC as indicated below:

Part A:

1. Part A Rhode Island JK MAC Workload Number- 14411; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14401; OGC- NHIC,

2. Part A Massachusetts JK MAC Workload Number- 14211; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14201; OGC- NHIC,
3. Part A New Hampshire JK MAC Workload Number- 14311; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14301; OGC- NHIC,
4. Part A Vermont JK MAC Workload Number- 14511; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14501; OGC- NHIC,
5. Part A Maine JK MAC Workload Number- 14111; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14101; OGC- NHIC,
6. Part A Home Health and Hospice Region A JK MAC Workload Number- 14014; Effective Date- 10/18/2013; Current Workload Number- 14004; OGC- NHIC

Part B

1. Part B Maine JK MAC Workload Number- 14112; Effective Date- 10/25/2013; Current Workload Number- 14102; OGC- NHIC,
2. Part B Massachusetts JK MAC Workload Number- 14212; Effective Date- 10/25/2013; Current Workload Number- 14202; OGC- NHIC,
3. Part B New Hampshire JK MAC Workload Number- 14312; Effective Date- 10/25/2013; Current Workload Number- 14302; OGC- NHIC,
4. Part B Vermont JK MAC Workload Number- 14512; Effective Date- 10/25/2013; Current Workload Number- 14502; OGC- NHIC,
5. Part B Rhode Island JK MAC Workload Number- 14412; Effective Date- 10/25/2013; Current Workload Number- 14402; OGC- NHIC,

The following applications or business owners shall continue to accept the current J13 A/B workload numbers for the J13 portion (Connecticut and New York) of the JK workload. The following applications or business owners shall accept the new JK A/B workload numbers for the J14 portion of the JK workload once the above cited workload is transitioned to the JK A/B MAC.

1. Administrative Qualified Independent Contractor (AdQIC)
2. CMS Analysis Reporting and tracking System (CMS ARTS),
3. Contractor Administrative, Budget and Financial Management (CAFM),
4. Comprehensive Error Rate Testing System (CERT),
5. Contractor Management Information System (CMIS),
6. CMS Baltimore Data Center,
7. Coordination of Benefits Agreement program (COBA),

8. Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC),
9. Contractor Reporting of Operational Workload Data System (CROWD),
10. Common Working File (CWF),
11. Customer Service Assessment and Management System (CSAMS),
12. Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS),
13. Electronic Health Records Incentive Program (EHR),
14. Electronic Prescribing (eRx)
15. Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs)
16. Expert Claims Processing System (ECPS),
17. Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS),
18. Fraud Prevention System (FPS)
19. Health Care Information System (HCIS),
20. Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS),
21. Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR),
22. Integrated Data Repository (IDR)
23. Intern and Resident Information System (IRIS),
24. Local Coverage Determination Database (LCD),
25. Medicare Appeals System (MAS)
26. Medicare Coverage Data Base (MCD)
27. Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor (MSPRC),
28. Multi-Carrier System (MCS),
29. National Data Warehouse (NDW),
30. National Level Repository (NLR),
31. National Part B Pricing Files,
32. National Provider Identifier Crosswalk (NPI),
33. Next Generation Desktop (NGD),

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	F I 	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	Region A workloads. This shall include (but not be limited to) working with the outgoing A/B MAC, the FISS maintainer, the MCS maintainer, the HP EDC, and all other entities as applicable to ensure the success of the MAC transitions.												
8303.1.1	The HP EDC, FISS and MCS shall provide all of the support necessary to successfully transition the Part A and Part B Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont as well as the HH+H Region A workloads to the JK A/B MAC, including (but not limited to) production support, testing, and coordination.								X	X			HP EDC
8303.1.2	<p>The workload numbers for Part A, HH+H Region A and Part B shall be changed in accordance with the numbering and effective dates in the background section of this CR as listed below.</p> <p>Part A Rhode Island shall be changed to 14411.</p> <p>Part A Massachusetts shall be changed to 14211.</p> <p>Part A New Hampshire shall be changed to 14311.</p> <p>Part A Vermont shall be changed to 14511.</p> <p>Part A Maine shall be changed to 14111.</p> <p>HH+H Region A shall be changed to 14014.</p> <p>Part B Rhode Island shall be changed to 14412.</p> <p>Part B Massachusetts shall be changed to 14212.</p> <p>Part B New Hampshire shall be changed to</p>								X	X		X	HP EDC, JK A/B MAC

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	F I R E R	C A R I E R	R H I	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	14312. Part B Vermont shall be changed to 14512. Part B Maine shall be changed to 14112.												
8303.1.2.1	FISS and MCS as appropriate shall supply the software and support needed to change the outgoing MAC workload numbers to the new MAC workload in accordance with the numbering and effective dates listed in the background section of this CR.								X	X			
8303.1.2.2	The renamed CICS region for the Part A Maine and HH+H Region A workloads shall utilize the FISS rollup number of 14011. This rollup number shall be used as appropriate by the FISS processing system and for Electronic Data Interchange by the A/B MAC and EDI submitters.								X				HP EDC, JK A/B MAC
8303.1.2.2.1	The renamed CICS region for the Part A New Hampshire and Part A Vermont workloads shall utilize the FISS rollup number of 14013. This rollup number shall be used as appropriate by the FISS processing system and for Electronic Data Interchange by the A/B MAC and EDI submitters.								X				HP EDC, JK A/B MAC
8303.1.2.2.2	FISS as appropriate shall supply the software and support needed to change the outgoing MAC roll up workload numbers to the new JK MAC roll up workload numbers.								X				
8303.1.3	The JK A/B MAC shall ensure that the renamed CICS regions as per 8303.1.2 are populated so that operations can continue following the effective date of each workload’s transition. The outgoing contractor shall assist the JK A/B MAC in establishing the renamed CICS regions. This assistance shall include (but not												J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC

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		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	be limited to) explaining the outgoing contractor's reference files and the operational set up of the current CICS regions.												
8303.1.3.1	The outgoing contractor for the transitioning CICS regions shall work with the JK A/B MAC, the FISS and MCS maintainers, the HP EDC and all other entities as necessary to ensure the success of the transition of those workloads to the JK A/B MAC's environment. This assistance shall include (but not be limited to) explaining the outgoing contractor's reference files and the operational set up of the current CICS regions.								X	X			HP EDC, JK A/B MAC
8303.1.3.2	The outgoing contractor shall turn over to the JK A/B MAC control of each transitioning CICS region no later than 3 weeks prior to the transition date of that workload as per the Background section of this CR. The existing CICS regions shall be used by the JK A/B MAC, FISS, MCS and the HP EDC to facilitate the transition of those workloads to the JK A/B MAC.								X	X			HP EDC, J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC
8303.1.3.3	The outgoing contractor shall provide the JK A/B MAC with the information and documentation it needs to process claims utilizing the transitioning CICS regions.												J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC
8303.1.3.4	The HP EDC shall work with FISS or MCS as applicable, the outgoing contractor and the JK A/B MAC to set up temporary test regions if they are needed to facilitate the transition of the transitioning CICS regions to the JK A/B MAC.								X	X			HP EDC, J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC
8303.2	The HP EDC, the JK A/B MAC, CWF, FISS, and the Medicare applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR shall perform the modifications needed to accommodate the new MAC workload								X			X	All applications and business owners

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	numbers of: Part A Rhode Island – 14411, Part A Massachusetts 14211, Part A New Hampshire – 14311, Part A Vermont – 14511, Part A Maine – 14111, Part A Home Health and Hospice Region A – 14014, as of the effective date listed in the background section of this CR.												listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC
8303.2.1	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14401 with MAC workload number 14411 for Rhode Island Part A as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.2.1.1	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14201 with MAC workload number 14211 for Massachusetts Part A as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.2.1.2	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14301 with MAC workload number 14311 for New Hampshire Part A as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC,

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		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
													JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.2.1.3	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14501 with MAC workload number 14511 for Vermont Part A as of the effective date of that workload's MAC transition								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.2.1.4	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14101 with MAC workload number 14111 for Maine Part A as of the effective date of that workload's MAC transition.								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.2.1.5	The JK A/B MAC, FISS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14004 with MAC workload number 14014 for Part A HH+H Region A as of the effective date of that workload's MAC transition.								X			X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.3	The HP EDC, the JK A/B MAC, CWF, MCS, and the Medicare applications or entities listed in the background section of this CR shall									X		X	All applications and

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	perform the modifications needed to accommodate the new MAC workload numbers of: Part B Rhode Island – 14412, Part B Massachusetts 14212, Part B New Hampshire – 14312, Part B Vermont – 14512, Part B Maine – 14112; as of the effective date listed in the background section of this CR.												business owners listed in the background section of this CR., HP EDC, JK A/B MAC
8303.3.1	The JK A/B MAC, MCS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14202 with MAC workload number 14212 for Massachusetts Part B as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.									X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.3.1.1	The JK A/B MAC, MCS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14102 with MAC workload number 14112 for Maine Part B as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.									X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.3.1.2	The JK A/B MAC, MCS, CWF, PECOS, and all entities listed in this CR shall associate all providers whose claims are currently processed under MAC workload number 14302 with MAC workload number 14312 for New Hampshire Part B as of the effective date of that workload’s MAC transition.									X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC, PECOS
8303.3.1.3	The JK A/B MAC, MCS, CWF, PECOS, and									X		X	All

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	<p>be sent to the CWF host on <i>(insert Month, Day and Year)</i>. This last file received will be returned to the outgoing contractor.</p> <p>The first cycle at the new contractor will be sent to the CWF Host on <i>(insert Month, Day and Year)</i>. The first file received will be returned to the new contractor.”</p>												
8303.7	FISS, MCS, CWF, the JK A/B MAC, and the Medicare shared systems, applications or entities listed in the CR shall be able to implement the new MAC workload numbers by the effective date listed in this CR for that workload for the purpose of ongoing production. In the event the transition needs to be delayed, these applications shall be able to accommodate the delay within 5 business days of receiving notification from CMS.								X	X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC
8303.8	CWF, FISS and MCS shall make system changes (if any are required) so that any claims or adjustments associated with contractor workload numbers 14004, 14101, 14201, 14301, 14401, 14501, 14102, 14202, 14302, 14402, 14502 can continue to be processed (when appropriate) following the effective date of the MAC transition of that workload. (CMS understands that the MCS maintainer will not need to make any system changes because this functionality already exists within MCS.)								X	X		X	JK A/B MAC
8303.9	Where practical, CWF, MCS, FISS, and the entities or Medicare applications listed in this CR shall be able to implement the new MAC workload numbers up to 8 weeks prior to the effective date of each workload transition as listed in the background section of this CR for the purpose of testing with the Medicare contractor.								X	X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR., JK A/B MAC

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		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	accommodate the new MAC workload numbers.												
8303.52	eRx files released following the effective date for each MAC workload's cutover (as per the Background section of this CR), the CMS eRx business owner shall ensure that all retired workload numbers are transitioned to the appropriate MAC workload number.												CMS, eRx
8303.52.1	MCS shall update the existing contractor number on the current CMS electronic prescription incentive (eRx) file to the new MAC transition number at the time of cutover.									X			
8303.53	For checks issued prior to each workload transition, the outgoing MAC shall continue to serve as the primary interface with the existing bank for up to 6 months following the transition of each workload, unless CMS determines in consultation with the incoming and outgoing MAC that the incoming MAC should assume this responsibility immediately or that the period should be shorter or longer than 6 months.												J14 A/B MAC
8303.53.1	Upon request, the outgoing MAC shall supply the JK A/B MAC with a copy of any non-base software developed by the outgoing MAC related to banking interface functionality.												J14 A/B MAC
8303.53.2	After cutover, the incoming MAC shall have the capability of receiving two bank clears files per cycle—one from the outgoing MAC's account and one for the incoming MAC's account. The incoming and outgoing MAC shall work together to establish procedures to ensure that the incoming MAC receives updated information for the outstanding checks that are transferred. This information can come directly from the bank or from the former MAC. The Part B MCS system has the ability to take in a "family" of clears files, but												J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC

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	the outgoing MAC’s file will need to have a different name than that which is received from the incoming MAC’s own bank in order for MCS to process both bank clears files in the same cycle. The Part A FISS system requires that the two files be concatenated prior to going into the same cycle.												
8303.54	The IDR shall make modifications necessary to support the new JK A/B MAC workload numbers.												IDR
8303.55	The Fraud Prevention System (FPS) shall make modifications necessary to support the new JK A/B MAC workload numbers.												FPS
8303.56	The Medicare Appeals System (MAS) shall make any changes necessary to accommodate the new MAC workload numbers.												MAS
8303.57	The QIC shall make whatever modifications are necessary to support the new MAC workload numbers.												QIC
8303.58	The AdQIC shall make whatever modifications are necessary to support the new MAC workload numbers.												AdQIC
8303.59	Upon the release of this CR, the contractor currently processing the workloads referred to in this CR, as well as the JK A/B MAC, shall prepare an article explaining the MAC workload number changes for the workloads they currently process. Following approval of this article by the CMS JK A/B MAC Contracting Officer Representative (COR) Brian.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov, the outgoing contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on its Web site and include information about it in a listserv message as soon as possible but no later than 30 days prior to the effective date of applicable workload transition. Once the article is posted, it shall												J14 A/B MAC, JK A/B MAC

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	be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin.												
8303.60	The workloads for the existing Jurisdiction 13 A/B MAC shall continue to be processed under their current A/B MAC workload numbers when the JK contract becomes effective on June 1, 2013.												JK A/B MAC
8303.60.1	All shared systems and applications listed in the background section of this CR shall continue to accept J13 A/B MAC workload numbers.								X	X		X	All applications and business owners listed in the background section of this CR.
8303.60.2	Once its new contract becomes effective, the JK A/B MAC shall track and charge all costs related to that contract to the appropriate CLIN as instructed by CMS.												JK A/B MAC
8303.61	The Strategic Work Information Transfer System (SWIFT) shall be modified (as necessary) to reflect the new MAC workload numbers.												SWIFT

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	F I A R R I E R	C A R R I E R	R H I	Other		
		A	B	H H H							
8303.62	CR as Provider Education: Contractors shall post this entire instruction, or a direct link to this instruction, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 1	X	X	X							

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		A	B	H H H					
	week of the release of this instruction. In addition, the entire instruction must be included in the contractor’s next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement it with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

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