

## Award of Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Contract for Jurisdiction 6

- On July 15, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that National Government Services, Inc. (NGS) has been awarded a contract for the administration of Medicare Part A and Part B Fee-for-Service claims in the states of Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin (A/B MAC Jurisdiction 6). The three states are depicted in gray shading in the map below.



- NGS' contract will also include servicing a number of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other institutional providers located across the country.
- This jurisdiction comprises approximately 7.7% of the overall national Medicare FFS Part A and Part B claims volume, equating to more than \$26.7 billion in Medicare benefit payments annually. The A/B MAC Jurisdiction 6 contract will provide Medicare services to more than 400 hospitals, 80,000 physicians, and 2.8 million Medicare beneficiaries.
- In addition to the A/B MAC services, J6 processes FFS Medicare Home Health and Hospice (HH+H) claims for Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Wisconsin and Washington. The states and territories are depicted in gray shading in the map below.



- This HH+H jurisdiction comprises approximately 27.1% of the overall national Medicare HH+H claims volume, equating to more than \$12.5 billion in Medicare benefit payments annually. The Jurisdiction 6 HH+H contract will provide Medicare services to more than 3,000 Home Health Agencies, 1,800 Hospices and 12.3 million Medicare beneficiaries.
- This contract award concludes another re-competition of a MAC contract under the competitive contracting provisions of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The previous MAC contract for A/B MAC Jurisdiction 6 was awarded to National Government Services, Inc. in September 2012.
- This A/B MAC Jurisdiction 6 contract includes a base year and six option years. This is the fifth full and open competition where an A/B MAC contract was awarded pursuant to MACRA 509 provisions that allow CMS to award contracts for longer than five years
- The contract is a “cost plus award fee” contract; the award fee will be earned only if NGS exceeds the base requirements of the contract. Inclusive of all options, the newly-awarded A/B MAC Jurisdiction 6 contract has a total estimated value of \$432,893,220.
- NGS will perform Medicare fee-for-service activities including processing claims received from providers and suppliers; appeals; re-openings; provider and supplier enrollment; customer service; provider outreach and education; medical review; and cost report audits.
- CMS has stringent standards for contract performance on these MAC contracts and measures performance through a variety of processes, including on-site oversight, data reviews and protocol-driven quality assurance reviews, as well as independent audits. As CMS continues to use the competitive process to select Medicare claims administration contractors, technical approach and past performance will be major

evaluation factors.

- Questions about the contract award should be directed to Amy Duckworth in CMS' Office of Acquisition and Grants Management. Ms. Duckworth may be reached at 410-786-3111 or at [Amy.Duckworth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Amy.Duckworth@cms.hhs.gov).