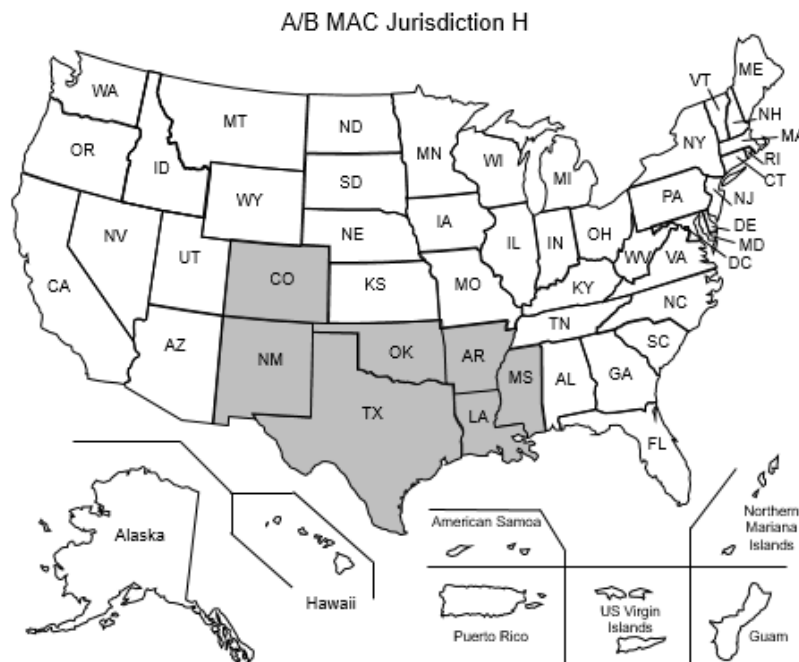


Award of A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Contract for Jurisdiction H

- On June 24, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Novitas Solutions, Inc. (Novitas) has been awarded the Medicare Administrative Contract (MAC) contract for Jurisdiction H (JH) for the administration of Original Medicare claims in the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- The service area is depicted in gray shading on the map below. The anticipated effective date of the new contract is July 1, 2026.



(Map of United States showing states in Jurisdiction H (listed above) in gray.)

- Novitas’s contract will also include servicing a number of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other institutional providers located across the county.

- This jurisdiction comprises approximately 13.9% of the overall national Original Medicare Part A and Part B claims volume, equating to more than \$58 billion in Medicare benefit payments annually. The A/B MAC Jurisdiction H contract will provide Medicare services to more than 1,224 hospitals, approximately 151,216 physicians, and over 4.6 million beneficiaries.
- The previous MAC contract for A/B MAC Jurisdiction H was awarded to Novitas in May 2019.
- This A/B MAC Jurisdiction H contract includes a base period and six option years. The contract is a ‘cost plus award fee’ contract; the award fee will be earned only if Novitas exceeds the base requirements of the contract. Inclusive of all options, the newly awarded A/B MAC Jurisdiction H contract has a total estimated value of \$948,524,659 over seven years.
- As Novitas is the incumbent contractor for A/B MAC Jurisdiction H, CMS anticipates that implementation of the new contract will go smoothly, with few (if any) disruptions in service for Medicare beneficiaries and providers.
- Novitas will perform Original Medicare activities, including processing claims received from providers and suppliers, appeals, re-openings, provider and supplier enrollment; customer service, provider outreach and education, and medical review; and cost report audits.
- Novitas will also be responsible for responding to several unique MAC contract requirements; for instance, Novitas will process claims for services delivered at Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal organization facilities and services performed by IHS and tribal organization physicians and non-physicians.
- 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, protocol-driven quality assurance reviews, and 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 Amy.Duckworth@cms.hhs.gov.