



RAC Transition Timeline¹

The Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) demonstration program is scheduled to end on March 27, 2008. The permanent RAC national program is scheduled to begin on or after March 28, 2008.

This document describes the timeframe for winding down the RAC demonstration program and ramping up the RAC national program.

- 12/1/07: Last date for demo RACs to issue medical record requests
- 2/1/08: Last date for demo RACs to issue Part B over/underpayment letters
- 2/15/08: Last date for demo RACs to issue Part A over/under payment letters
- 3/3/08: CMS announces Names of Permanent RACs
- 3/10/08: CMS begins sending data to Permanent RACs for first 19 states:

Region A RAC
NY, MA, CT, NH, VT, ME

Region B RAC
WI, MI, IN,

Region C RAC
FL, SC, CO, NM

Region D RAC
AZ, UT, MT, WY, ND, SD

- 3/27/08: Last date for contact between demo RACs and providers
- 3/28/08²: First day for contact between permanent RACs and providers
 - medical record requests could begin
 - over/underpayment letters could begin

¹ All dates are flexible and subject to change due to procurement schedule changes, statutory changes, or other events that may necessitate a change

² Due to the complex nature of establishing data lines with CMS, the first day of contact with providers will be much later than 3/28/08 in jurisdictions where an incumbent RAC does not will the permanent RAC contract.