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	Change Request 11071

SUBJECT: Transitioning the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) to the New Contractor

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: On August 27, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Palmetto GBA, LLC (Palmetto) located at 17 Technology Circle, Columbia, SC 29203 has been awarded a contract for specialty services performed by the Pricing, Data Analysis & Coding contractor (PDAC). The previous PDAC contract was awarded to Noridian Administrative Services (NAS) in August 2013.

Palmetto will begin operations on the new contract in early December 2018 with final transition cutover January 14, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2018

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 14, 2019

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

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

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

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The PDAC provides specified services in support of the Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) benefit within the Medicare Fee for Service (FFS) program. The contractor shall facilitate, coordinate, and support activities amongst various Medicare contractors with DMEPOS-related responsibilities, such as DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), Unified Program Integrity Contractors (UPICs), the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC), as well as other agencies (at the federal and state levels of government) and other stakeholders. The PDAC contractor will perform the following functions: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) coding process for DMEPOS, provide Medicare coding advice and guidance, establish and distribute pricing files for certain drugs and DMEPOS, conduct statistical analysis and reporting, support the integrity of the Medicare DMEPOS benefit, assessment of DMEPOS technologies, and other miscellaneous activities.

The contract will transition from Noridian Administrative Services (NAS) to Palmetto GBA, LLC. Palmetto will begin operations on the new contract in early December 2018 with final transition cutover January 14, 2019.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other		
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S	C W F
11071.1	Contractors shall make appropriate changes that relate to the PDAC transition contractor change.				X						
11071.2	The transitioning contractors shall have a dark day on January 14, 2019 for only the PDAC. Specifically, the call center will be down and the transitioning contractors shall not generate any reports to any stakeholder.				X						NSC, PDAC, UPICs

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H	M A C	
	None					

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

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Abigail (Abby) Huffman, 214-767-6419 or abigail.huffman@cms.hhs.gov

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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