



A newsletter to inform NMHA members of the RAC activities in New Mexico.

The RAC Program Mission...

- To detect and correct past improper payments
- To implement actions that will prevent future improper payments

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Connolly  
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## NM RAC Program Contractor Announced

**Connolly Consulting Associates, Inc.** of Wilton, Connecticut, in Region C, will initially be working in South Carolina, Florida, Colorado and New Mexico.

For more information about Connolly Consulting Associates, Inc., please visit:  
<http://www.cca-audit.com/market/government/process.aspx>

### Provider Outreach Education Activities

We mentioned in our last RAC Facts, CMS staff and representatives from the RACs will be in New Mexico. NMHA and CMS have tentatively scheduled November 3, 2008. (Time and location TBD).

Please note that soon after these outreach efforts are made, some health care providers may begin to receive either requests for medical records or a letter requesting that an overpayment be repaid for their claims that were submitted to and paid for by Medicare.

Lastly, using lessons learned from the RAC demonstration to make improvements in the permanent RAC program, each RAC will employ a full-time medical director to help in the review of claims. The program will also be more transparent by listing the types of issues undergoing review on each of the RACs' Web sites.

For more information about CMS RAC Program, please visit:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RAC/>

### NEW Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs)

CMS is consolidating the work of Medicare's program safeguard contractors (PSCs), and the Medicare Drug Integrity Contractors (MEDICs) with the new **Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs)**. ZPICs are responsible for identifying fraud and abuse. RACs will be required to work with ZPICs and will refer potential fraud issues to ZPICs. The new contractors will eventually be responsible for ensuring the integrity of all Medicare-related claims under Parts A and B (hospital, skilled nursing, home health, provider and durable medical equipment claims), Part C (Medicare Advantage health plans), Part D (prescription drug plans) and coordination of Medicare-Medicaid data matches (Medi-Medi).

The first ZPIC contract was awarded to Health Integrity, LLC for Zone 4 which encompasses Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. (<http://www.healthintegrity.org/>)

For more information on ZPICs [click here](#):

To read the CMS Press release issued yesterday (10/06/08) [click here](#):