



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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## Audio Recording of CMS/RAC Open Forum

CMS held another Special Open Door Forum for Part A provider recovery audit contractors (RACs) today via a conference call. The purpose of this forum was to provide more information about the RAC program. This Open Forum was very similar to the program NMHA sponsored on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, this call provided more detailed and thorough information.

For those who were unable to attend this is an opportunity to hear the details directly from CMS. For those who did attend, you will find this call to contain additional information that was not covered in our forum.

The audio recording of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special ODF website at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05\\_ODF\\_SpecialODF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp) and will be accessible for downloading beginning **November 19, 2008** and available for 30 days.

## RAC Update on “Protest and Stay of Performance”

The GAO has 100 days to make a finding in the bid protest put forward by PRG Schultz and Viant. CMS RAC staff do not expect a quick dismissal of the case but rather that a finding would take longer. To access a current update on the “RAC protest and stay of performance,” the link to the decision docket is:

<http://www.gao.gov/decision/docket/>

### Instructions...

- ▶ From the Agency drop down box, choose Dept of Health & Human Services
- ▶ From the Solicitation Number drop down box, choose RFP-CMS-2007-022
- ▶ Click “Search”

The following will appear...

**PRG-Schultz USA, Inc.** (RFP-CMS-2007-0022)

Department of Health and Human Services : Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 Quick View **Outcome:** Not Decided **Status:** Case Currently Open

**Filed Date:** November 3, 2008  
**Due:** February 11, 2009  
**Case Type:** Bid Protest  
**GAO Attorney:**  
**File Number:** 400443.3

**Viant Inc.** (RFP-CMS-2007-0022)

Department of Health and Human Services : Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 Quick View **Outcome:** Not Decided **Status:** Case Currently Open

**Filed Date:** October 31, 2008  
**Due:** February 9, 2009  
**Case Type:** Bid Protest  
**GAO Attorney:**  
**File Number:** 400443.2