



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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From the Medicare Learning Network (MLN): Special Edition *MLN Matters* Articles regarding Recovery Audit Contractor Demonstration-Identified Vulnerabilities

Given that Medical Necessity Audits are now underway, the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) has released the next, in a series of **Special Edition *MLN Matters* articles designed to educate providers about Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) demonstration-identified vulnerabilities.**

With the expansion of the RAC Program and the initiation of complex coding review in all four RAC regions, it is essential that providers understand the lessons learned from the demonstration and implement appropriate corrective actions. These **two new articles** are informational in nature and support existing policy:

- *MLN Matters* Article #SE1027, entitled “RAC Demonstration High-Risk Medical Necessity Vulnerabilities for Inpatient Hospitals,” advises inpatient hospitals about 17 RAC demonstration-identified medical necessity vulnerabilities, and is available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1027.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) website.
- *MLN Matters* Article #SE1028, entitled “RAC Demonstration High-Risk Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Coding Vulnerabilities for Inpatient Hospitals,” provides information about four RAC demonstration-identified inpatient hospital coding vulnerabilities, and is available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1028.pdf> on the CMS website.

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