



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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## AHA's RACTrac Initiative

This April, the AHA's RACTrac will ask hospitals nationwide to submit data on their interactions with Medicare's Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) during the first quarter of 2011. AHA created RACTrac—a free, web-based survey—in response to a lack of data and information provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the impact the RAC program is having on America's hospitals.

We encourage you to pass this e-mail on to the appropriate staff so that your hospital can participate in this important AHA initiative designed to help with your internal data collection and identify areas of RAC vulnerability and support our RAC advocacy efforts on behalf of our members.

### Our records show that New Mexico had 7 hospitals participate in RACTrac during the previous quarter.

- Presbyterian Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- University of New Mexico Hospitals
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
- Sierra Vista Hospital
- Cibola General Hospital
- Espanola Hospital
- Plains Regional Medical Center

### Register for the AHA's Quarterly RACTrac Webinar Today!

AHA's RACTrac Quarterly Webinar will be **Wednesday, April 6 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST**. During the webinar, AHA will provide an update on the RAC program and an overview of the RACTrac initiative—including reports on last quarter's data collection—and provide insights on how to make your participation in RACTrac a success. Register now at: [www1.gotomeeting.com/register/592053713](http://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/592053713)

You can learn more about AHA's RACTrac initiative by visiting AHA's website: <http://www.aha.org/aha/issues/RAC/ractrac.html>. If you have questions, please feel free to contact AHA at the RACTrac Support e-mail, [ractracsupport@providercs.com](mailto:ractracsupport@providercs.com), or call (888) 722-8712.

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