

## RAC TIMELINE:

### Oct. 7, 2008

CMS has announced the following contractors as the four permanent RACs. Please refer to the attached map to view the states included in the various regions and the most recent timelines for implementation over the next year.

- Region A: **Diversified Collection Services, Inc.** initially working in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York
- Region B: **CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc.** initially working in Michigan, Indiana, and Minnesota
- Region C: **Connolly Consulting Associates, Inc.** initially working in South Carolina, Florida, Colorado and New Mexico
- Region D: **HealthDataInsights, Inc.** initially working in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Arizona

### Oct. 21, 2008

#### Summary of medical record limits

Initially started as by bed size – changed to percentage base - 10% of avg Medicare population with a **maximum of 200 requests every 45 days**=Inpatient, IRF, SNF, Hospice=Classified by NPI.

### Nov. 4, 2008

#### **CMS suspends RAC activities following protests by two contractors.**

[Modern Healthcare](#) (11/5, Lubell) reports, "Actions taken by two contractors that unsuccessfully bid to be part of Medicare's permanent Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program have led to a suspension in RAC activities," according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). CMS "received notice from the Government Accountability Office that Viant, Naperville, Ill., and PRG-Schultz International, Atlanta, had protested the awards given to contractors in the permanent RAC program, which began Oct. 6." CMS spokesman Peter Ashkenaz said that the "'GAO has 100 days to issue a decision' on the protests." Meanwhile, "activities surrounding the four permanent RAC contracts have been suspended pending the outcome of the two protests, under provisions required by the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984," he added.

[Healthcare IT News](#) (11/4, Manos) noted that "CMS had scheduled RAC training sessions to educate providers on the audit process in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Carolina, Colorado, Florida, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, North Dakota, and Arizona before the end of the year." But, those training sessions have been cancelled.

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