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Update on MAC Implementation for Rural Health Clinics

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MAC Award Status
as of March 20, 2009
Post-Award Administration

• Awards for Jurisdictions 6, 8, 11, & 15 have been protested
• Mandatory stay of performance
• General Accountability Office decisions expected in early May
• CMS will supply information to providers shortly after the decisions are available
• CMS continues to evaluate J2 and J7
### Transition of Legacy RHC Workloads
as of March 20, 2009

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Jurisdiction 10 Implementation

• Riverbend Part A moves to J10 on August 3, 2009

• All freestanding RHCs currently in that workload will be moved to Cahaba, the J10 MAC

• Those RHCs will be serviced by J10 at least for the near-term and mid-term
CMS Implementation Approach

- Ensure contractors work well together
- Provide advance notice of change to providers
- See MLM Article SE0837
- Manage implementations carefully
Initial Enrollments

A freestanding RHC joining the Medicare program for the first time will enroll with the FI or MAC that covers the state where the RHC is located. Link to enrollment contact chart:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/
Initial Enrollments (cont.)

A provider-based RHC joining the Medicare program for the first time will enroll with the FI or MAC that services the main provider.
Updating an Existing Enrollment Record

An existing RHC (with a claims history and a current assignment) may need to update its Medicare enrollment record. The updated 855 enrollment application will be filed with the FI or MAC where the RHC currently submits its claims and files its cost report.
Helpful Resources

- Contracting Reform Web Pages:  
  http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareContractingReform/

- 42 CFR 421.404:  

- Article on implementation of geographic assignment:  

- Article on the sequence of events that attend the transfer of an individual provider:  