



Medicare

February 4, 2008

Dear Kansas Part A Provider,

On September 5, 2007, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) is the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

The award is part of a Congressional requirement to replace all current Medicare Part A and B contracts with new contract entities called Medicare Administrative Contractors, or MACs. As a MAC, WPS will serve as a single point-of-contact entity, processing Medicare Part A and Part B claims from hospitals and other institutional providers, physicians, and other practitioners within this four-state region. The new single contract replaces the existing six contracts.

With the award of the J5 MAC, WPS is excited to begin administering your claims beginning March 1, 2008. We have developed the following information to help answer any questions that you may have regarding this implementation.

Customer Service Phone Numbers

Beginning March 1, 2008, you should begin to use the following customer service phone numbers:

Direct Data Entry/ Remote Line (password reset)	(866)518-3251
Direct Data Entry (questions)	(866)518-3295
Claims Correction	(866)518-3253
Medicare Secondary Payer (Credit Balance)	(866)518-3254
Medicare Secondary Payer (Claims)	(866)518-3284
Provider Customer Service (Inquiry)	(866)518-3285
Customer Service Voice Response Unit (VRU)	(866)518-3291
Teletypewriter (TTY)	(866)518-3293
Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)	(866)503-9670
Appeals	(866)518-3298
Audit and Reimbursement	(866)734-9444
Finance	(866)734-1522

Provider Customer Service Hours of Operation

The Provider Customer Service area hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Our Provider Customer Service will assist with questions regarding Medicare billing, coverage of specific items or services, or general Medicare enrollment questions.

Mailing Addresses

The following mailing addresses should be used when correspondence is being sent to WPS:

Provider Audit (including checks associated with the submission of cost reports):	WPS Medicare Part A P.O. Box 8310
Provider Enrollment:	Omaha, NE 68108-0310



EDI Correspondence:	WPS Insurance EDI Department 1717 W Broadway Madison, WI 53713
Administrative Checks to include PS&R, and Part A workshops:	WPS Medicare Part A P.O. Box 8310 Omaha, NE 68108-0310
All other checks:	WPS Medicare Part A P.O. Box 8810 Marion, IL 62959-0900
All other correspondence:	WPS Medicare Part A P.O. Box 7576 Madison, WI 53707-7576

855 Enrollment Forms

You do not need to fill out an 855 Enrollment Form. This information will be provided to us prior to implementation.

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Enrollment

If you are currently enrolled to submit EDI transactions to Medicare you will not have to re-sign an EDI Enrollment Form for implementation. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas will provide us with your existing Enrollment Form at the time of implementation.

Providers that will submit EDI claims directly to WPS will need to complete a self-registration process on our WPS Trading Partner System (WTPS) to prepare for transaction testing and production claim submission. WTPS is located at: <http://corp-ws.wpsic.com/apps/wtps-web/unauth/wtps.do>. If your office submits EDI claims through a clearinghouse, your clearinghouse will need to register on our WTPS application.

After you complete registration on WTPS, we will send you the appropriate submitter ID and password information to connect to our WPS Bulletin Board System (BBS) through asynchronous telecommunications, along with our BBS user guide. If you use a clearinghouse, we will coordinate this information through your clearinghouse.

Providers without Internet access may register by contacting us at 1-866-503-9670.

For further information regarding EDI changes, please check our website at: http://www.wpsic.com/edi/med_macj5.shtml

PC-ACE Pro32

We offer free billing software for providers to submit electronic claims and will continue to use this software in the future. The software is PC-ACE Pro32 and is available on our Website at http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_a/business/pacepro32.shtml.

If you currently use PC-ACE software to submit your claims, you may continue to use your current PC-ACE version to send claims to WPS after implementation. You will need to establish connectivity with the WPS Bulletin Board System (BBS). For more information, please contact the Electronic Data Interchange area at 1-866-503-9670.

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Remittance Advices

WPS Medicare will execute new EFT agreements with all new Kansas providers. Letters have been sent out regarding these agreements. For more information, please contact the Medicare Part A Finance area at (866)734-1522.

J5 MAC Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)

On December 15, 2007, consolidated LCDs were posted to our Website for the 45 day notice period. These J5 MAC LCDs will be posted as Final LCDs and will become effective on February 1, 2008. You should begin to use these Final LCDs beginning March 1, 2008.

Cost Reports

For submission of any correspondence related to cost report issues (i.e. submission of cost reports, cost report checks, supporting documentation, rate review requests, etc.) mailed on or after Thursday, February 28, 2008, please submit these to the following address:

WPS Medicare Part A
P.O. Box 8310
Omaha, NE 68108-0310

To utilize an overnight delivery service to submit cost report correspondence, please send to the following address:

WPS Medicare Part A
3333 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68131

1099 Forms

You will receive two 1099 forms for 2008. One will come from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and the other will come from WPS.

Cutover Information

Cutoff date for the submission of EMC and paper bills, redetermination requests, audits, etc. to the outgoing contractor	02/28/08 Electronic claims must be received by 2:00PM
Last day the outgoing contractor will make bill/claim payment	02/28/08
Last day the outgoing contractor will have telephone, lobby and contact station service for providers and beneficiaries	02/28/08
Last date for cost reports and cost report appeals	02/28/08
System Dark Day-EDI and payment systems will not be available. No Provider Customer Service calls will be taken.	02/29/08
The first day the MAC will accept paper claims	02/29/08
The first day the MAC will accept EMC claims	03/01/08
The date when the MAC will begin the bill/claim payment cycle	03/03/08

Additional information regarding your March 1, 2008 implementation can be found on our Website at www.wpsmedicare.com by accessing the J5 MAC link, accepting the license agreement, and clicking on the Select this link for J5 Implementation Information from the J5 MAC Home Page.

Again, we are looking forward to begin administering your claims and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

WPS Medicare