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Medicare Administrative Contractors

MAC #	States in Jurisdiction	Contractor	Website/Medical Director
J1	California Guam Hawaii Nevada North Marianas American Samoa	Palmetto GBA	www.palmettogba.com/medicare Arthur Lurvey, MD FACP FACE Arthur.Lurvey@PalmettoGBA.com
J2*** See legacy carrier list below.	Alaska Idaho Oregon Washington	National Heritage Insurance Co. ***Under protest. Stop order in effect.	www.medicarenhic.com
J3	Arizona Montana North Dakota South Dakota Utah Wyoming	Noridian Administrative Services	www.noridianmedicare.com George Waldmann, MD george.waldmann@noridian.com
J4	Colorado New Mexico Oklahoma Texas	Trailblazer Health Enterprises	www.trailblazerhealth.com Debra L. Patterson MD debra.patterson@trailblazerhealth.com
J5	Iowa Kansas Missouri Nebraska	Wisconsin Physicians Health Insurance Corp	www.wpsmedicare.com Kenneth Bussan, MD kenneth.bussan@wpsic.com
J6*** See legacy carrier list below.	Illinois Minnesota Wisconsin	Noridian Administrative Services ***Under protest. Stop order in effect.	www.noridianmedicare.com George Waldmann, MD george.waldmann@noridian.com
J7*** See legacy carrier list	Arkansas Louisiana Mississippi	Trailblazer Health Enterprises ***Under protest. Stop order in effect.	www.trailblazerhealth.com

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J8*** See legacy carrier list.	Indiana Michigan	National Government Services *** under protest; stop order in effect	www.ngsmedicare.com
J9	Florida Puerto Rico US VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc	www.fcso.com James J. Corcoran, MD, MPH James.Corcoran@fcso.com
J10	Alabama Georgia Tennessee	Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators	www.cahabagba.com Greg McKinney, MD no direct e-mail
J11 (Was under protest-resolved. Implementation dates noted.)	North Carolina 5/28/11 South Carolina 6/18/11 Virginia 3/19/11 West Virginia 6/18/11	Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator, LLC	www.palmettogba.com/medicare Arthur Lurvey, MD FACP FACE Arthur.Lurvey@PalmettoGBA.com
J12	Delaware District of Columbia Maryland New Jersey Pennsylvania	Highmark Medicare Services	www.highmarkmedicare.com Andrew Bloschichak, MD Andrew.bloschichak@hgsa.com
J13	Connecticut New York	National Government Services	www.ngsmedicare.com Paul Deutsch, MD Medical Director, MAC J-13 National Government Services, Inc Suite 313 2400 Thea Drive Harrisburg, PA 17110 tel: 201-836-1312 fax: 201-836-8657 new email: Paul.Deutsch@Wellpoint.com
J14	Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont	National Heritage Insurance Corporation	www.medicarenhic.com Craig Haug, MD craig.haug@eds.com
J15*** Was under protest; originally Highmark	Kentucky (4/30/11) Ohio (6/18/11)	Cigna Govt Services	http://www.cignagovernmentservices.com/j15/index.html
CIGNA Government Services	Idaho North Carolina, but only until 5/28/11 then Palmetto J11	CIGNA serves as the legacy carrier	www.cignagovernmentservices.com

Assigned MAC Under Protest/ Stop Order in Effect	States	Legacy Carrier
J2-National Heritage Insurance Co.	Alaska Idaho Oregon Washington	Noridian CIGNA Noridian Noridian
J6-Noridian Administrative Services	Illinois Minnesota Wisconsin	WPS WPS WPS
J7-Pinnacle Business Solutions www.pinnaclemedicare.com	Arkansas Louisiana Mississippi	Pinnacle Pinnacle Cahaba
J8-National Government Services	Indiana Michigan	NGS WPS

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“CMS designed the new MAC jurisdictions to balance the allocation of workloads, promote competition, account for integration of claims processing activities, and mitigate the risk to the Medicare program during the transition to the new contractors. The new jurisdictions reasonably balance the number of fee-for-service beneficiaries and providers. These jurisdictions will be substantially more alike in size than the existing fiscal intermediary and carrier jurisdictions, and they will promote much greater **efficiency** in processing Medicare's billion claims a year.” www.cms.gov

TASK: Sign up for Part B “List-serve” in your MAC Jurisdiction and Legacy carrier, if applicable.

Local Coverage Determinations

Local coverage determinations (LCDs) are defined in Section 1869(f)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act). This section states: "For purposes of this section, the term 'local coverage determination' means a determination by a fiscal intermediary or a carrier under part A or part B, as applicable, respecting whether or not a particular item or service is covered on an intermediary- or carrier-wide basis under such parts, in accordance with section 1862(a)(1)(A)."

As a result of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA 2000), all Local Medical Review Policies (LMRPs) were converted to LCDs. The difference between LCDs and previously written LMRPs is that LCDs contain only reasonable and necessary conditions of coverage as allowed under section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Act. LMRPs may have also contained other information such as coding and payment guidelines. Since coding and payment information is not contained in LCDs, Contractors communicate such information in related articles.

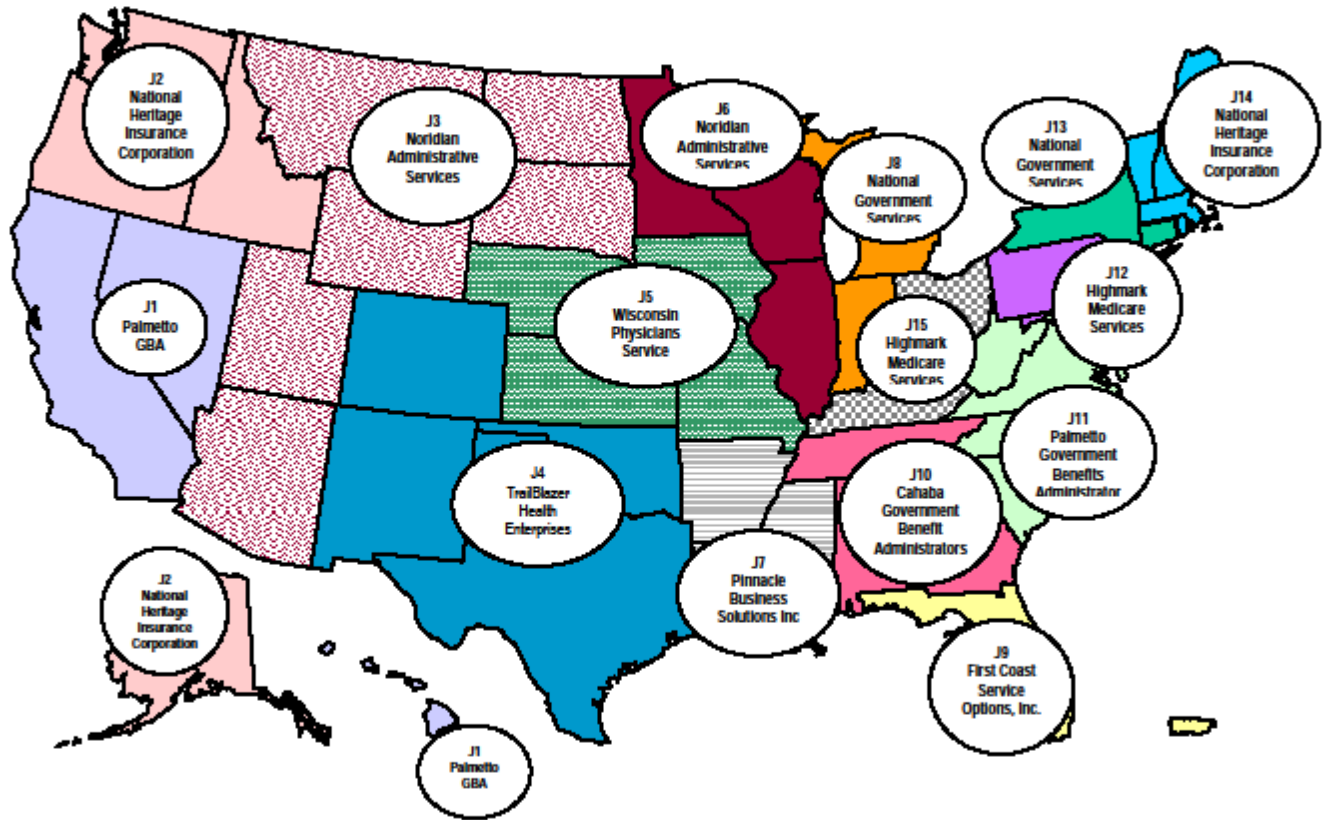
TASK: Watch for DRAFT postings of LCDs and watch for language that might pose problematic for PAs. AAPA Staff can assist with comments for submission during draft comment period.

For an example of a comment submitted by AAPA, see:

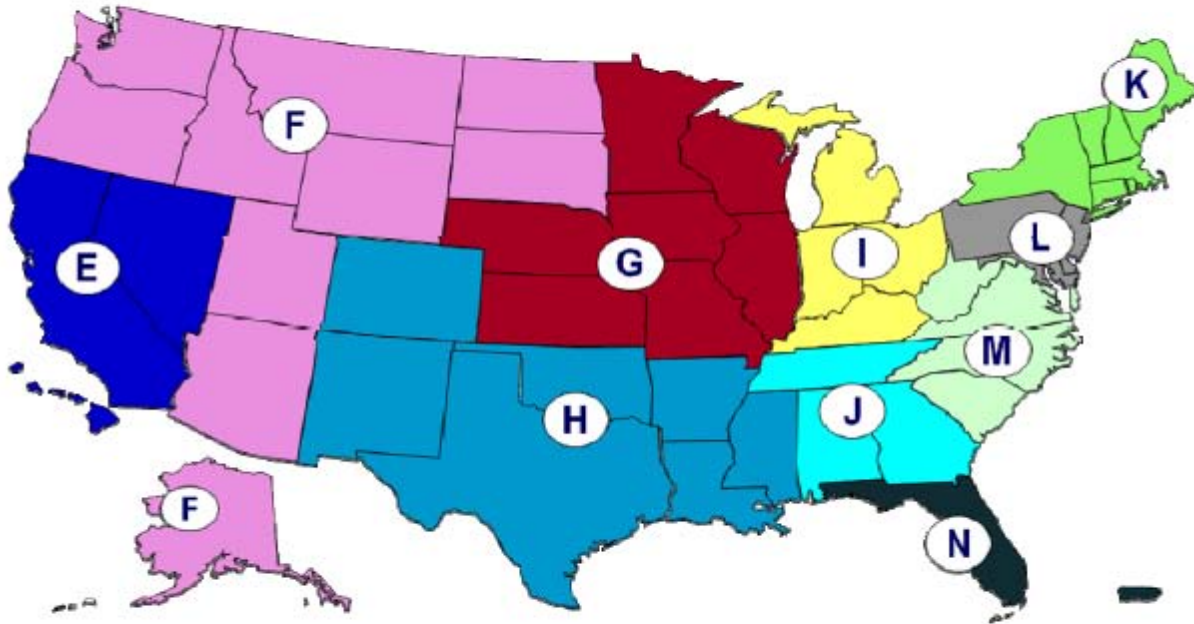


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A/B MAC Jurisdictions Map



Consolidated A/B MAC Jurisdictions



Over the next several years, CMS will consolidate ten A/B MAC workloads to form five consolidated A/B MAC workloads:

- Jurisdictions 2 and 3 (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona) will be combined to form A/B MAC Jurisdiction F;
- Jurisdictions 4 and 7 (Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico) will be combined to form A/B MAC Jurisdiction H;
- Jurisdictions 14 and 13 (New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire) will be combined to form A/B MAC Jurisdiction K;
- Jurisdictions 8 and 15 (Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana) will be combined to form A/B MAC Jurisdiction I; and
- Jurisdictions 5 and 6 (New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire) will be combined to form A/B MAC Jurisdiction G.

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