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# Reimbursement News

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## *Red Flag Rules:*

Join CMA for an informational webinar April 16, 2009

You must register at [www.cmanet.org/calendar](http://www.cmanet.org/calendar)

CMS is hosting a special Open Door Forum Conference Call on the RAC program. To listen in, dial 1-800-837-1935 Reference Conference ID: 92489480

## RAC Program – Recovery Audit Contractor

CMS developed the RAC program to take steps to aggressively find and prevent waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare. To that end, CMS has secured permanent RACs, after the demonstration project that began in 2006 fared so well, for all 4 regions across the U.S.

The RACs will look at billing trends and patterns across Medicare. They will focus on companies

and individuals whose billings for Medicare services are higher than the majority of providers and suppliers in the community. The RACs will be paid on a contingency fee basis on both the overpayments and underpayments they find.

The 3-year RAC demonstration program in California, Florida, New York, Massachusetts, South

Carolina and Arizona collected over \$900 million in overpayments and nearly \$38 million in underpayments were returned to health care providers. For more details go to the SCCMA website to view and download a Q&A article with information provided by the AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians) to help understand the RAC program.

## Participating Physician and Suppliers Directory Now Available

You can now find a directory of the physicians and suppliers who participate in Jurisdiction 1 Part B Medicare on the Palmetto GBA Website.

The directory contains names, addresses and specialties of

participating physicians who accept assignment on all Medicare claims and covered services.

You can search for participating physicians by county or by zip code.

Please note that some

participating physicians might not be accepting new Medicare patients. Please contact the physicians' office to find out if they are accepting new patients.