

RAC RE-START FACTS

- OUTPATIENT THERAPY MANUAL MEDICAL REVIEW OF CLAIMS OVER \$3700 WILL BE RESUMED DURING A LIMITED RAC RESTART BASED ON CMS ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 4,2014
- NO TIMELINE FOR RESUMPTION AS IS DEPENDENT ON THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONTRACTS WITH THE CURRENT RACs (NOT THE FUTURE RACs) TO TAKE ON THIS PROJECT
- CMS IN A LETTER TO CONGRESS ESTIMATED THE PROJECT VALUE AT \$200,000
- CMS INDICATED THAT REVIEW OF THERAPY CLAIMS WOULD BE RETROACTIVE TO ALL CLAIMS OVER \$3700 BEGINNING WITH THOSE NOT REVIEWED WHEN THE PROGRAM STOPPED IN FEBRUARY AND ROLLING FORWARD
- ALL CLAIMS WILL BE REVIEWED ON A POST-PAYMENT BASIS UNDER THIS PROJECT
- NOT CLEAR IF PRE-PAYMENT REVIEWS WILL COMMENCE UNDER THIS PROJECT IF THE BACKLOG IS CLEARED
- CMS HOPES TO AWARD THE 5 NEW RAC CONTRACTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- FINAL AWARDS ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO AWARD PROTEST BY UNSUCCESSFUL CONTRACT BIDDERS

IMPLICATIONS

- SIGNIFICANT INCREASE THE REVIEWS AND POSSIBLE ADRs
- DOCUMENTATION MUST BE DEFENSIBLE
- TECHNICAL AUDITS SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON ALL DISCHARGED PATIENTS TO BE SURE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND PRESENT

CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE QA/COMPLIANCE TEAM WITH QUESTIONS