

# THE EDGE NEWS FLASH

## Medicare Administrative Contractor Announced

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*Palmetto GBA, the new A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) has started the task of transitioning from Medicare's current contractor.*

Currently, the target dates for assuming responsibility for claims are as follows:

- August 18, 2008 - Part A business (NGS)
- September 2, 2008 - Part B business (NHIC)

The transition for hospitals that have Mutual/WPS as an FI will be announced at a later date.

Regardless of the date of service, all claims processing, customer service, and payments will be handled by Palmetto GBA on and after these transition dates.

Providers should take advantage of this short window of time to resolve any outstanding claims with Medicare. It is probable that there will be challenges for claims resolution once the transition takes place, and you will want to have your receivables as clean as possible.

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