

## Notice to All Jurisdiction 4 A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Electronic Claim Submitters

Applies to:

- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- All Certified Software Vendors

On August 2, 2007, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC (TrailBlazer) was awarded the contract for the combined administration of Part A and Part B Medicare fee-for-service claims in Jurisdiction 4 (J4). The states included in J4 are Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. As the J4 A/B MAC, TrailBlazer began implementation activities in early September 2007 and will assume full responsibility for the jurisdiction workload no later than Spring 2008.

TrailBlazer is looking forward to building a successful partnership with all electronic submitters, and is committed to working with all submitters and vendors toward a smooth implementation as we assume this important role. The purpose of this notice is to fully explain the impact this MAC implementation will have on EDI transactions and provide instructions on the changes, which must be made prior to and after the system cutover date, which has yet to be finalized by CMS.

We respectfully request all submitters and vendors to please take time to read this information carefully. If you are a current submitter to TrailBlazer, there will be no change to your EDI process until cutover to the J4 MAC (see details below). Our goal is to make the transition of your EDI billing processes as simple as possible, with minimal or no disruption.

### GPNet Migration

To facilitate the implementation of all J4 A/B MAC submitters, TrailBlazer will migrate all electronic claims submitters from their current front-end system to our EDI gateway, GPNet. We encourage submitters to begin migrating to GPNet as soon as possible, once notified by TrailBlazer of the GPNet Submitter ID, to avoid any delay.

All electronic submissions submitted to TrailBlazer prior to the final J4 MAC implementation date will require use of the GPNet Submitter ID. Complete details and specifications about GPNet can be found in the *Communications Manual* on the EDI Web page at:

<http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/J4/EDI/default.aspx?DomainID=4>

## **Submitter ID Information**

### **Customers Currently Submitting Claims for Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma Part B and Oklahoma Part A to the outgoing contractors (Pinnacle, Noridian or BCBS of Oklahoma (BCBSOK)/HCSC)**

TrailBlazer will secure a list of Submitter IDs currently used by Pinnacle, Noridian or BCBSOK/HCSC to submit Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma Part B and Oklahoma Part A claims. If the Submitter ID is being used by a current GPNet submitter, TrailBlazer will issue those users a new Submitter ID and temporary password. If the Pinnacle, Noridian or HCSC Submitter ID is not currently in use in GPNet, TrailBlazer EDI will set up this same Submitter ID in GPNet with a temporary password.

Each submitter will receive notification of their Submitter ID and password for GPNet under separate cover.

### **EDI Customers Currently Submitting Claims to TrailBlazer**

TrailBlazer is currently the Part A Fiscal Intermediary (FI) for Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, as well as the Part B carrier for Texas. Customers who currently submit claims to TrailBlazer for the contracts listed above will continue to do so, using their GPNet Submitter ID. Again, there will be no changes to submission or retrieval functions until the implementation cutover date.

**On the final implementation date yet to be announced, submitters must enter the new Payer ID assigned to their respective state for the J4 A/B MAC.**

### **Customers Currently Submitting Claims to GPNet**

GPNet is the EDI front-end system used by TrailBlazer and our sister company, Palmetto GBA, also a Medicare contractor. Customers who currently submit claims to GPNet have the option of utilizing their current Submitter ID to submit claims for Colorado Part B, New Mexico/ Oklahoma Part B or Oklahoma Part A after the implementation cutover date.

Submitters that plan to use their current GPNet Submitter ID for the contracts listed above after implementation will be asked to complete and submit an EDI Submitter Change Request form to TrailBlazer EDI Operations. The EDI Submitter Change Request form will be made available via a J4 MAC Implementation listserv in the near future.

### **Telecommunications Specifications**

The [GPNet Communications Manual](#) can be found for viewing, printing or e-mail distribution on the [TrailBlazer EDI Web page](#). The *GPNet Communications Manual* provides comprehensive information on the GPNet, including login details, system messages, file upload/download instructions, detailed examples of reports returned from TrailBlazer, complete FTP instructions and NDM specifications.

### **GPNet Edits Manual**

TrailBlazer provides a detailed [GPNet Edits Manual](#) that is available for viewing, print or e-mail distribution on the TrailBlazer EDI Web page. Processing changes occur frequently; therefore, when a new edit is added or an old edit updated, the changes will be published through a listserv message and posted on the EDI Web page. We encourage submitters to review this page frequently to ensure they are current on the posted edits.

## **GPNet Updates**

The *GPNet Communications Manual* and the *GPNet Edits Manual* are always subject to future updates/changes. To ensure you receive timely updates, please register for the TrailBlazer J4 MAC listservs by selecting "Register" on the J4 MAC Implementation Home Page and fill in the blanks with the required information. To access and register for listservs, click "[LISTSERV](#)" at the top of any J4 Web page. Providers are encouraged to subscribe to the J4 MAC Implementation News listserv as well as their state-specific listserv. Select the listserv link you are interested in and then select "subscribe." You will receive a confirmation e-mail, and confirmation must be made before the subscription is activated.

## **EDI Questions and Assistance**

TrailBlazer's EDI Technology Support Center toll-free number will be made available to J4 providers at a future date agreed upon with the outgoing contractors. Providers are advised to contact their current EDI support center until advised otherwise.

TrailBlazer looks forward to the opportunity to serve you.

*TrailBlazer EDI Technology Support Center Team*