



**August 20, 2010
SECOND NOTIFICATION!**

Dear WPS Submitters and Providers:

Effective October 18, 2010, some providers formerly serviced by Mutual of Omaha, now serviced by Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS), will transition to the Jurisdiction 4 (J4) A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), administered by TrailBlazer Health Enterprises® (TrailBlazerSM). Most providers affected by this transition are located in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. This change is being made at the direction of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and is consistent with a regulation that requires most providers to be assigned to a MAC based on their geographic location. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as one of the providers who will transition to the J4 A/B MAC, TrailBlazer.

This letter is directed to the identified providers who currently submit Medicare Part A claims to WPS or have electronic claims submitted on their behalf by a billing service or clearinghouse. Please read this information carefully and take the necessary action to ensure our mutual goal of a simple and efficient transition of your Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) billing processes with minimal or no disruption is achieved.

In July 2010, we mailed our initial letter notifying most of you of this change, and we are now sending this updated letter with new information. ***Please read the entire letter thoroughly. We have incorporated important transition information not included in our initial communication. If you have already completed the EDI enrollment details, you do not need to do so again.***

GPNET MIGRATION/EARLY BOARDING – CLAIM SUBMISSION

The ability to transition to GPNet, the TrailBlazer front end, prior to the cutover date is a tried-and-true TrailBlazer option called “early boarding,” and it is a proven means of mitigating disruption in EDI services during workload and/or systems transitions. TrailBlazer has established the interfaces to the WPS FISS claims processing system, and all claims submitted to TrailBlazer will be processed just as if they were submitted to the WPS front-end system. Providers began early boarding on July 15, 2010.

All affected providers ***must*** be transitioned to TrailBlazer by the cutover date of October 18, 2010. TrailBlazer strongly encourages all impacted providers to make the necessary changes and begin performing all EDI activity with TrailBlazer during this early boarding period.

Electronic claim files submitted to TrailBlazer will be forwarded to WPS for processing during the early boarding period. Our goal is to ensure that there is no disruption of claims processing, so claims received by 5 p.m. CT (3 p.m. PT) will be entered in the current day’s cycle. TrailBlazer will provide reports and notifications regarding those submissions via your GPNet electronic mailbox. Throughout the early boarding period, you will continue to use the current contractor number as the payer ID. You will use a new contractor number as the payer ID following the cutover date. The exact cutover schedule and contractor number changes you will need to make are outlined in the **CONTRACTOR NUMBER/PAYER ID CHANGES** section of this letter.

J4 WPS MEDICARE PART A EDI ENROLLMENT PACKET/EDI ENROLLMENT FORM

In order to migrate all of the aforementioned providers from the WPS front-end system to GpNet timely and efficiently, we must assign a new electronic submitter ID and password. Submitters who currently have a submitter ID from WPS must complete the J4 WPS Medicare Part A EDI Enrollment Packet, which is available on the TrailBlazer J4 WPS Transition Web site at: <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/j4wps/edi>, to obtain a TrailBlazer submitter ID and begin using TrailBlazer EDI services. You will be notified of your submitter ID and password via fax once they have been assigned. The J4 EDI Provider Information Form must be submitted to TrailBlazer EDI by September 15, 2010, to ensure EDI services are not interrupted. However, we strongly encourage you to early board as soon as possible to avoid any delays.

- If you do not receive a fax with your submitter ID within 10 days of submitting your J4 WPS Medicare Part A EDI Enrollment Packet, please call our Technology Support Center at (866) 749-4302.
- If you do not have access to the Internet, please call our Technology Support Center and we will assist you in a manual application.

Please mail all EDI forms to:

TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC
J4 WPS EDI Operations, AG-507
P.O. Box 100249
Columbia, SC 29202-3249

After the application process is completed, you will have everything you need to early board with TrailBlazer. If you utilize a network services vendor such as IVANS or VisionShare for your batch submissions (not DDE), you will need to work with them on the changes necessary for connectivity to TrailBlazer. For your convenience, VisionShare and IVANS have provided links to information that will help you get started with this process.

VisionShare

<http://www.visionshareinc.com/PartA/Colorado>
<http://www.visionshareinc.com/PartA/NewMexico>
<http://www.visionshareinc.com/PartA/Oklahoma>
<http://www.visionshareinc.com/PartA/Texas>

IVANS

<http://www.IVANS.com/WPS/J4>

ELECTRONIC REMITTANCES

If you receive electronic remittances from WPS, you will be able to download your electronic remittances from the TrailBlazer EDI front-end system, GpNet, before cutover, provided you have successfully completed early boarding and are submitting your claims to TrailBlazer. You will use your new TrailBlazer receiver ID to retrieve your remits from our GpNet. If you elected early boarding, any remittances generated by WPS after you have sent production claims in for your authorized provider numbers will be available in your receiver mailbox in our GpNet system. The new receiver ID and password will be sent to the address that is currently on file with WPS. If you believe the contact information has recently changed or is older than two years, please complete a new Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) agreement form and fax to (469) 372-1555 to the attention of Donda McDaniel. This form is available for download from the J4 WPS EDI Web page at:

<http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/j4wps/edi>.

You may contact our ERA department directly by calling (469) 372-0446 or (469) 372-1441.

ANSI 276/277 Claims Request/Response

TrailBlazer will process your request for claim status information in batch. Upon receipt of your ANSI 276, we may generate the following:

- 997 to confirm receipt within one business day after transmission of the 276.
- TA1 and ANSI 997 for interchange control errors and syntax errors within one business day after transmission of the ANSI 276.
- ANSI 277 within one business day after transmission of the ANSI 276.

GPNET DOCUMENTATION AND CONTINUING INFORMATION EXCHANGE

All documentation and continuing information can be accessed at:

<http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/j4wps/edi>.

- The *GPNet Communications Manual* offers complete details and specifications about GPNet.
- TrailBlazer also provides a detailed *GPNet Edits Manual*.
- All manuals are subject to updates/changes, and TrailBlazer EDI sends timely updates on all EDI-related issues as well.

To ensure you receive timely updates, please register for TrailBlazer listservs by clicking on **LISTSERV** from the top navigation of any TrailBlazer Web page.

To access and register for listservs, click **Register Now** under the "New to TrailBlazerHealth.com?" section on this page. Fill in the blanks with the required information. Select the J4 WPS Transition News listserv, and then select **Subscribe**. You will receive a confirmation e-mail that you must respond to prior to subscription activation. It is very important that you register for this listserv to ensure that you receive important updates regarding EDI information.

DIRECT DATA ENTRY

There are no provider actions required for Direct Data Entry (DDE). Your current DDE ID will not change. The EDSNET screens will change to point to the correct menu options at cutover. We will provide additional information to you before cutover that will explain the sign-in screen changes.

BILLING SOFTWARE

If you currently use the PC-ACE Pro32 provided by WPS, you can continue to use this software until the cutover to the J4 A/B MAC is complete. You will have to change the number you use to connect within HyperTerminal once you early board with TrailBlazer. We will provide you with the dial-in number for connectivity to TrailBlazer with your password upon completion of the J4 EDI Application Form. At cutover you will be required to download the conversion of PC-ACE Pro32 WPS to the TrailBlazer version from the J4 WPS Transition Web site at <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/j4wps/edi>. Alternatively, you may wish to acquire assistance from a certified vendor, billing service or clearinghouse for EDI services. A list is available on our Web site at <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Electronic Data Interchange/EDI Enrollment>.

CUTOVER SCHEDULE

Date	EDI Transition Schedule
09/01/10	Last day EDI enrollments and all requests for EDI products and services will be completed by WPS.
09/17/10	Last day WPS will accept requests for new DDE IDs, with the exception of termination requests.
10/13/10*	Last day TrailBlazer will accept claims from providers with the old contractor number. After this time, all claims submitted to TrailBlazer must contain the new contractor number.
10/14/10*	Last day WPS will accept claims from transitioning providers.
10/14/10*	The 10/14/10 cycle will be a payment cycle. If you have not submitted production claims to TrailBlazer, your electronic remittances (ERAs) will need to be downloaded from your WPS mailbox. If you are already submitting to TrailBlazer, your remittances should be downloaded from TrailBlazer.
10/15/10*	DARK DAY! TrailBlazer will receive and hold all claims noting the appropriate receipt date.
10/18/10*	DARK DAY! TrailBlazer will receive and hold all claims noting the appropriate receipt date.
10/19/10*	DARK DAY! TrailBlazer will receive and hold all claims noting the appropriate receipt date.
10/20/10*	Day one of production! All held claims will be processed by TrailBlazer with the appropriate receipt date.

***These dates are subject to change – any/all changes will be announced via the J4 WPS Transition Web site.**

CONTRACTOR NUMBER/PAYER ID CHANGES

During the early boarding period, you will continue to submit the current contractor number of payer ID, 52280. As of **October 14, 2010**, the contractor ID you enter in **all** of your claim files will change to 04901. Details associated with the contractor number change are addressed in the table below.

State(s)/LOBs	Old Contractor ID	New Contractor ID	Interchange Qualifier Must Equal:
All transitioning customers	52280	04901	28 in ISA05 & ISA 07

The new contractor ID must be included in the following fields: Segment ISA 08, Segment GS03, Loop 1000B, Segment NM109 and Loop 2010BC Segment NM09. The ANSI format locations for the new contractor ID are depicted in the table below.

LOOP	SEGMENT
	ISA08
	GS03
1000B	NM109
2010BC	NM109

VENDORS, BILLING SERVICES AND CLEARINGHOUSES

Those software vendors, billing services and clearinghouses who are noted as certified vendors by WPS will receive a copy of this letter to apprise them of all transition details. We recommend that all providers contact their software vendor, billing service and/or clearinghouse to ensure their readiness to transition.

EDI QUESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE

For assistance or questions related to this transition, GPNNet or DDE connectivity, claim submission, report retrieval and general EDI-related questions, please contact the TrailBlazer EDI Technology Support Center toll-free at (866) 749-4302 for assistance Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

We once again encourage all submitters to take full advantage of our Web site, <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/j4wps/edi>, which contains comprehensive information about the EDI transition and is an expedient alternative to telephone inquiries.

In addition to the WPS EDI Web page, the full schedule of Talk-to-TrailBlazer Teleconferences (TTTs) and EDI Web-Based Trainings (WBTs) has been posted to the Calendar of Events Web page. TTTs are intended to provide a forum for providers to ask questions and receive TrailBlazer responses and detailed information on the overall J4 WPS transition. Register today by selecting **Calendar of Events** from any WPS Web page.

Welcome to TrailBlazer EDI! We look forward to a smooth transition and a productive relationship with our new submitter community.

Sincerely,

Your TrailBlazer EDI Team