

RAC News UPDATE

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CMS announces limited restart of RAC reviews

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will allow current Recovery Audit Contractors to restart a limited number of claim reviews beginning this month, CMS [announced](#) late yesterday. The agency said most reviews will be done on an automated basis. However, a limited number will be complex reviews on certain claims, including spinal fusions, outpatient therapy services, durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies, and cosmetic procedures. RACs will not conduct any inpatient hospital patient status reviews during this restart. CMS said it hopes that the new RAC contracts will be awarded later this year. AHA will provide members with more information when it becomes available.