



## Radiology Views™ Newsletter – October 2009

### Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC's)

Ohio RAC audits commenced on August 1, 2009. All providers need to be aware of the RAC program. We have included links to the RAC program for your review.

- ✓ **RAC Audits are Post-Payment Reviews:** RACs will not review claims paid prior to October 1, 2007 but they will be able to review claims on a rolling three year look-back.
- ✓ **Remark code N432:** This remark code will notify providers of a recovery audit adjustment.
- ✓ **Two Types of Audits:**
  1. Automated Review – RAC makes a claim determination via system edits. No medical record required.
  2. Complex Review – Auditor selects cases for review and requests the medical record. Auditor reviews medical record. A letter is generated to providers containing audit results.
- ✓ **RAC Website:** [www.cms.hhs.gov/RAC](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RAC).
- ✓ **RAC Email:** [RAC@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:RAC@cms.hhs.gov).
- ✓ **Medical Records From Physician:**

Physician	Medical Records Per NPI
Solo	10 records per 45 days
Partnership 2-5 individuals	20 records per 45 days
Group 6-15 individuals	30 records per 45 days
Large Group 16+ individuals	50 records per 45 days

**REMINDER:** Medicare Referring Physician Rule Change goes into effect 10/5/09. Please see our July 2009 Radiology Views Newsletter at [www.prcmedical.com](http://www.prcmedical.com) for more information.

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