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Dear Colleague,

The National Claim Review contract concludes on August 11, 2025. Following this date, claim reviews will transition as outlined below:

- Short Stay Reviews (SSR) will be conducted by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) beginning September 1, 2025.
- Higher Weighted Diagnosis-Related Group (HWDRG) reviews will be conducted by the Beneficiary and Family Centered Care-Quality Improvement Organizations (BFCC-QIOs), according to CMS Regional assignments.

For additional details, please visit the SSR and HWDRG web pages: <https://www.livantagio.cms.gov/en/ClaimReview/index.html>

### **Short Stay Review (SSR) Transition**

On May 22, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will assume responsibility for short stay inpatient hospital medical reviews and provider education, also known as patient status reviews, beginning September 1, 2025.

To learn more, including details and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the official CMS notice and FAQs:

<https://www.cms.gov/data-research/monitoring-programs/medicare-fee-service-compliance-programs/medical-review-and-education/hospital-patient-status-reviews>

### **HWDRG Reviews Continuing Under BFCC-QIOs**

The BFCC-QIOs will continue to perform HWDRG reviews according to CMS Regional assignments. This ensures that claim review services remain aligned with the case review services.

Livanta will perform HWDRG reviews for CMS Regions 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Best regards,

The Livanta BFCC-QIO Communications Team



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CMS Region	States
Region 2	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
Region 3	Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia
Region 5	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
Region 7	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
Region 9	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands

Acentra will perform HWDRG reviews for CMS Regions 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10.

CMS Region	States
Region 1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 4	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
Region 6	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
Region 8	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
Region 10	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington



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