

PROPOSED SECTION 4 – GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

4.5 Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor Program

<p><u>Citation</u></p> <p>Section 1902(a)(42)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act</p> <p>Section 1902(a)(42)(B)(ii)(I) of the Act</p> <p>Section 1902(a)(42)(B)(ii)(II)(aa) of the Act</p>	<p>_____ The State has established a program under which it will contract with one or more recovery audit contractors (RACs) for the purpose of identifying underpayments and overpayments of Medicaid claims under the State plan and under any waiver of the State plan.</p> <p>___X___ The State is seeking an exception to establishing such program for the following reasons:</p> <p>The State has a high Managed Care population at 83% as compared to 17% under Fee for Service program. Managed Care claims are excluded from RAC reviews; therefore, the State does not project any large recoveries for the RAC program.</p> <p>_____ The State/Medicaid agency has contracts of the type(s) listed in section 1902(a)(42)(B)(ii)(I) of the Act. All contracts meet the requirements of the statute. RACs are consistent with the statute.</p> <p>Place a check mark to provide assurance of the following:</p> <p>_____ The State will make payments to the RAC(s) only from amounts recovered.</p> <p>___ The State will make payments to the RAC(s) on a contingent basis for collecting overpayments.</p> <p>The following payment methodology shall be used to determine State payments to Medicaid RACs for identification and recovery of overpayments (e.g., the percentage of the contingency fee):</p> <p>Specifically, the New Mexico agency will pay a contingency fee for overpayments.</p> <p>_____ The State attests that the contingency fee rate paid to the Medicaid RAC will not exceed the highest rate paid to the Medicare RACs, as published in the Federal Register.</p>
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