

New RAC information from CMS

- CMS has approved the audit issue below (clinical social worker services) for the RAC In the following **Region A** states: **MA, ME, NH, RI, VT**.
- CMS has approved SNF consolidated billing as an issue for most of the states in **Region D**.
- I am providing all state execs with this information because these issues will more than likely be approved by CMS for all RAC Regions
- I will be checking the RAC postings every week, and I am also going to see if there is some better format in which to provide you with this information on an ongoing basis. In the meantime, please advise providers to check the RAC issue posting sites:

<http://racb.cgi.com/Issues.aspx?st=1> Region B

http://www.connollyhealthcare.com/RAC/pages/approved_issues.aspx Region C

<http://www.dcsrac.com/issues.html> Region A

<https://racinfo.healthdatainsights.com/Public/NewIssues.aspx> Region D

Thank you.

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Region A

Issue Name:	Clinical Social Worker (CSW) Services
Issue Number	A000222009
Issue Description:	CSW services rendered during an inpatient acute care or skilled nursing facility stay are not separately payable under Medicare Part B, instead they are included in the facility's Prospective Payment System (PPS) payment. CSW providers are expected to render services under arrangement with the facility. Therefore, an issue may exist when a beneficiary received CSW services during an inpatient stay, which have been billed and reimbursed under Medicare Part B.
Type of Review	Automated Review for Overpayments
State(s) Affected:	MA, ME, NH, RI, VT
Providers Affected:	CSW Providers
Date Posted:	December 11, 2009
Dates of Service:	October 1, 2007 - Present
Issue References	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual: Pub 100-02, Ch 15, § 170. CMS MedLearn Matters Article #: SE0439 .