

Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdiction 4 Critical Cutover Dates

TrailBlazer has listed critical cutover tasks/dates for providers currently served by the outgoing contractors (OGCs) below:

- Part A HCSC/Chisholm – Oklahoma
- Part B Pinnacle - New Mexico and Oklahoma
- Part B Noridian - Colorado.

These cutover dates do not apply to providers currently served by TrailBlazer or Wisconsin Physicians Service (formerly Mutual of Omaha). Cutover date information for providers **currently served by TrailBlazer** will be communicated in the near future closer to the June 2008 implementation dates.

Regardless of date of service, all claims processing, customer services and payments will be processed by the J4 MAC upon the effective cutover date. The OGCs will continue to work all pending receipts up until the scheduled dark day. All pending and in-process operations will be electronically migrated or transferred overnight at that time.

OGC tasks/dates are highlighted in yellow.

Cutover Task	Part A OK Dates	Part B NM/OK Dates	Part B CO Dates
Last day to submit paper claims to OGC	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Last day to submit electronic claims/adjustments/RTPs to OGC	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/19/2008
Last day to forward Redeterminations/appeals requests to OGC	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Last day to forward enrollment applications to OGC	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Last day for OGC to receive reopening requests	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Last day to send cost reports/appeals/audits/quarterly PIP data to OGC	2/28/2008	NA	NA
Last day for OGC to make bill/claims payments			3/20/2008
Last day for OGC telephone/lobby/contact for beneficiaries or providers	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Last day of OGC Web site access/listserv service	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
Scheduled dark day for each segment cutover (<i>dark days do not apply to current TrailBlazer providers</i>)	2/29/2008	2/29/2008	3/21/2008
Official MAC effective date	3/1/2008	3/1/2008	3/21/2008
First effective date of LCDs	3/1/2008	3/1/2008	3/21/2008

First day of formal TrailBlazer MAC operations	3/3/2008	3/3/2008	3/24/2008
Date for providers to receive TrailBlazer customer service contact numbers/PO Boxes/physical/email addresses	2/22/2008	2/22/2008	3/14/2008
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First day for TrailBlazer to accept electronic claims	2/28/2008	2/28/2008	3/20/2008
First day for TrailBlazer to accept paper claims	3/1/2008	3/1/2008	3/24/2008
First day for TrailBlazer to begin claims/bills/payment cycles	3/3/2008	3/3/2008	3/24/2008
First day for TrailBlazer to begin customer service/lobby service/mail service for beneficiaries and providers	3/3/2008	3/3/2008	3/24/2008
Receive first TrailBlazer General listerv	Week of 3/3/2008	Week of 3/3/2008	Week of 3/3/2008

*A dark day is defined as a day during the regular work week in which the Medicare claims processing system is not available for normal business operations.

Note: *Regardless of date of service, all claims processing, customer services and payments will be processed by the J4 MAC upon cutover effective dates. Outgoing contractors will transfer all pending and in-process operations at that time.*