



## Revenue Integrity Solutions

# RAC READINESS

CMS recently announced the expansion strategy of the Recovery Audit Contractors program. The RAC initiative is a Medicare auditing program that utilizes private firms to examine a hospital and other healthcare facility claims to find instances in which the government has overpaid providers.

Hospitals do not need to wait for the knock on the door from a RAC, but rather use this as an opportunity to develop a revenue integrity plan. While hospital CFOs may not embrace the thought of repaying Medicare for incorrect overpayments now, they realize the return of overpayments will occur nonetheless.

In fiscal year 2007, the RAC auditors identified \$371.5 million in improper Medicare payments, of which only 7 percent were overturned on appeal. According to acting CMS Administrator Kerry Weems, "The RAC demonstration program has proven to be successful in returning overpayments to the Trust Fund and identifying ways to prevent future improper payments. We will use the lessons learned from the demonstration program to help us implement the national RAC program next year."

Dixon Hughes' Revenue Integrity Solutions team addresses the operations and planning necessary to meet the challenges the RAC claim reviews create. A Dixon Hughes Revenue Integrity Program provides a vital link to your compliance program with strategies that your organization can work with.

### **Real-World Solutions**

By joining forces with Dixon Hughes, you can harness the power of many years of collective experience in healthcare. We offer a deep commitment to the healthcare industry through continuous education, active association involvement and practical, real-world solutions.

Our dedicated team welcomes the opportunity to provide you:

- Hands-on responsive service
- Strength and resources
- Timeliness and cost-efficiency
- Unique industry experience
- A relationship that grows more valuable over time

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To learn more call us toll-free at 1.877.424.6324.



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