

Medicare Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP): “Ask-the-Contractor” Teleconference - CAP Postponement for 2009

On September 10, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the postponement of the 2009 Medicare Part B Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP). As a result, CAP physician election for participation in the CAP in 2009 will not be held, and CAP drugs will not be available from an approved CAP vendor for dates of service after December 31, 2008.

To discuss this major change to the CAP for 2009 and assist participating CAP physicians in planning for the transition out of the CAP, an “Ask-The-Contractor” teleconference for participating CAP physicians will be hosted by the CAP designated carrier, Noridian Administrative Services (NAS). NAS staff will be available to respond to inquiries during a question and answer session after the presentation. This call is intended for all interested providers and their staff.

Use the following information to participate on the call:

Date: September 18, 2008 at 2:00PM CST
Domestic U.S. Dial In Number: 800-230-1085
U.S. Territories Dial In Number: 612-332-0923

A PowerPoint slide presentation to accompany the “Ask-the-Contractor” teleconference will be posted on the NAS website at:
https://www.noridianmedicare.com/cap_drug/train/act.html. The slides will be available at least one day prior to the teleconference.

Additional information about the postponement is available on the CMS CAP website
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/>