

Dear Iowa Part A Providers,

On September 5, 2007, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) is the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

With the award of the J5 MAC, WPS is excited to begin administering your claims beginning May 1, 2008.

To ensure a successful transition, you will need to access the Enterprise Data Center (EDC) using one of the following vendors who have established a connection with the EDC. You must do this because effective, May 5, 2008, all Direct Data Entry (DDE) users will no longer be able to access the FISS DDE System through the Cahaba datacenter. **You will not need to obtain a new EDS ID or password. The EDS ID and password you currently use to access DDE is sufficient.**

IVANS

Provides a direct connection to the FISS DDE System through a dialup connection, via a modem and charges an hourly fee for usage.

Customer Service-800-548-2675, option 3

www.ivans.com/pinnacle

VisionShare

Offers connectivity through an internet connection and charges a flat fee for usage.

Sales/Customer Service-888-895-2649

Technical Support-612-460-4310

www.visionshareinc.com

WPS encourages you to elect one these vendors for connectivity as soon as possible, to avoid any disruption of DDE services.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the WPS Medicare DDE department at 866-518-3295.

Sincerely,

WPS Medicare