

# RAC Program Update



**COLORADO**

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# About Me

Born, Raised, Schooled and Practiced in North Dakota

Original Training Emergency Medicine

Subsequent Training in General Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Fellowship  
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# History

- Initially began as a CMS Demonstration Program in 2005
- 2010 Affordable Care Act Mandated
- 2013 Colorado Legislation Created The Program
- States Have Opted Out of RAC Program
  - CMS Allows Significant Flexibility
  - Significant Managed Care
  - Other Effective Program Integrity Programs
  - Difficulty Finding Vendor

# RAC Mission

## Our Mission

**Improve health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado**

# Unofficial Vision (where we want to be)

## Create a RAC Process That:

- Fulfills the Mission of RAC
- Serves the Interests of All Parties
- Reduces/Eliminates Waste for All Stakeholders
- Is Educational not Shame and Blame

# 2025 RAC Bill

Addresses Many Provider Concerns

Places Limits on Number of Audits Per Provider

Provides More Detail on Exit Conference, Informal  
Reconsideration

Limits Lookback Period to 3 Years

Provides Process Details

# Want Stakeholder Input

What isn't Working?  
Greatest Anxiety?  
What is Working Well?  
Other Thoughts?