

**CMS Awards TrustSolutions, LLC
Benefit Integrity work for Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky**

Effective November 1, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded the benefit integrity work for the Medicare Home Health and Hospice benefit to TrustSolutions, LLC in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. This is a result of CMS' continuing efforts to modify and revise its Medicare contractor strategy for jurisdictions throughout the country.

TrustSolutions is a Medicare Program Safeguard Contractor that holds contracts with CMS to perform certain benefit integrity (BI) activities for the Medicare Program. This includes anti-fraud, data analysis, and medical review in support of anti-fraud activities.

The addition of Medicare Home Health and Hospice work in these states to TrustSolutions' current BI work will promote efficient use of resources and effective investigation of Medicare services that will reduce fraud and abuse in the Medicare Program. In addition to its other jurisdictions nationwide, TrustSolutions is currently responsible for Medicare Part A and Part B benefit integrity activities in Illinois and Indiana.

TrustSolutions is working closely with the Home Health and Hospice Intermediary, Palmetto GBA, to ensure a smooth transition and continued, consistent service to our customers. For additional information, you may contact Donna Casey, Medicare Outreach Lead, at 414-459-6085.