

CONFERENCE CALL ANNOUNCEMENT

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This information is provided to update you on the status of the national recovery audit contract regarding payments made for inpatient care. The contract is required under Public Law 106-74.

The contractor, a partnership between Abacus Technology Corporation and Foundation Federal Health Services, and the VA are finalizing plans for operations to begin on March 1, 2001.

Complete details on this contract are available on an Internet site at www.va.gov/hac. This includes information on how to process requests for documentation from the contractor, how funds are managed and returned to the medical centers as well as minutes of meetings regarding this contract.

If you receive an inquiry from outside the VA regarding this contract, other than from the contractor, please direct the inquiry to the HAC contracting officer technical representative -- Mr. Tom Wayburn at phone 303-331-7507. This includes inquiries from VSOs, media and Congressional staff.