

HOW MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTORS IMPACT PATIENT ACCESS



Medicare often uses **private health insurers** to process medical claims.

They are called Medicare administrative contractors.

Medicare administrative contractors are assigned to **specific geographic regions**.

Their decisions, called **local coverage determinations**, can vary widely.



So, patients in one area may get treatment with no trouble...



While patients in another region are **denied coverage**.

Using local contractors may be **necessary**.

But barriers to care are **not**.



All patients—no matter where they live—deserve optimal care.