

CMS MSP Contractors: COBC, WCRC, MSPRC, MSPIC, BCRC, CRC

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- COBC - Coordination of Benefits Contractor
 - Oversight and coordinated recovery efforts and MSA review
 - Contractor since 1999 was Group Health Inc.
- WCRC - Workers Compensation Review Contractor
 - 2011 contract was awarded to Provider Resources, Inc
 - they review all WCMSAs
- MSPRC - Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor
 - really did all of the recovery, COBC just managed it
 - 2006 contract was awarded to Chickasaw Nation, lots of problems
 - 2011 contract was awarded to Group Health Inc, the current COBC contractor
- MSPIC - Medicare Secondary Payer Integration Contractor
 - In 2011 CMS announced that COBC and MSPRC would combine in 2012 and be called the MSPIC. For some reason, this never happened.
- BCRC - Benefits Coordination and Recovery Contractor
 - 2.1.14 Name change. Formerly known as COBC.
- CRC - Commercial Repayment Center
 - Formed on 7/1/15. BCRC transitioned some recovery work to them. Together they do all the recovery work.
 - Effective October 5, 2015, the CRC will assume the responsibility for conditional payment recovery activities in all situations where CMS is pursuing recovery directly from certain NGHPs (also defined as Applicable Plans)

So as of 11.19.2015:

- COBC, MSPRC, and MSPIC are dead
- WCRC reviews all WCMSAs and their contractor is PRI
- BCRC and CRC do all recovery work. CRC does recovery work from NGHP. BCRC does recovery work from beneficiaries.