

CAC Update January 2012

TrailBlazer has lost the **Contract** bid for continuing as the J4 MAC carrier for Medicare. Highmark of Pennsylvania won the bid. TrailBlazer is contesting the awarding. Highmark was recently purchased by First Coast of Florida. So stay tuned.

Many of our members have called regarding denials from TrailBlazer for 11721. TrailBlazer has separated 11720 and 11721 into a **Mycotic Nail** LCD and added a utilization guideline of only 6 services in a 24 month period. All CAC reps are working on this issue, but this edit is still currently in place. Please review the Routine Foot Care LCD on the TrailBlazer web site.

Bioengineered Skin Substitutes continues to be a hot topic. Under continual code change and fee restructure, one code for all skin grafts 15275 is proposed. Remember now you choose the code for application based on location and size of wound, for multiple wounds, add the total surface area. See the LCD for details.