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To: All Part C and Part D Medicare Advantage Organizations
All Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations

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Subject: Medicare Advantage Quality Measurement and Performance Assessment
Training Conference – April 2008

I am pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is sponsoring a two-day training conference addressing salient topics in Medicare Advantage Quality Measurement (QM) and Performance Assessment (PA).

The training conference will be open to MA health plan compliance and quality improvement professionals, Quality Improvement Organization professionals, health services researchers, and health care policy professionals. Participants will gain insight into CMS' quality reporting requirements and how to apply quality and outcomes metrics to improve performance. Experts will discuss the timely issues of pay-for-performance, Part C & Part D report cards, and risk-based approach to auditing.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8th, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM &
Wednesday, April 9th, 2008 from 8:30 AM 12:00 PM.

WHERE: Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland

WHAT:

- CMS' vision for quality improvement and performance assessment
- Medicare Advantage (MA) Report Cards and Best Practices
- The Role of Health Information Technology in QM and PA
- The Impact of Pay-for-Performance on QM and PA

Also featuring CMS' MA policy requirements for:

- HEDIS, CAHPS, and HOS
- Medicare Part D
- Special Needs Plans

REGISTRATION: Complimentary for federal employees - \$100 for all other participants.

For more information and to register online, please visit the National Committee for Quality Assurance's web site at <http://web.ncqa.org/tabid/537/Default.aspx>.