



MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations

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SUBJECT: 2011 and 2012 Chronic Care Improvement Program and Quality Improvement Project Submission Information

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Medicare Advantage organizations (MAOs) of a change in the 2011 Chronic Care Improvement Program (CCIP) and Quality Improvement Project (QIP) submission process. In lieu of submitting required 2011 CCIPs and QIPs through the HPMS module, MAOs will be required to submit an attestation as part of the annual Readiness Review. MAOs will attest that they were conducting 2011 CCIPs and 2011 QIPs were in accordance with CMS Quality Improvement Program regulations at 42 CFR § 422.152.

Note that MAOs are still expected to submit 2012 CCIPs and QIPs using the HPMS reporting module. As stated in previous CMS guidance for 2012, all MAOs must develop and implement a CCIP focusing on decreasing cardiovascular disease and a QIP that addresses reducing all-cause hospital readmissions.

The 2012 CCIP and QIP submissions will consist of only the “Plan” section of the “Plan, Do, Study, and Act” project cycle. CMS Regional Office staff will review the 2012 submissions and, once approved, MAOs will begin collecting data that will be subsequently reported in the “Study,” “Do,” and “Act” sections.

Information regarding the 2012 CCIP and QIP submissions, including trainings and deadlines, will be released via HPMS in the coming weeks. We expect to notify plans two weeks in advance of the opening of the HPMS module gates for submission. If you have any questions about the information outlined in this memorandum, please send an email to the Medicare Advantage Quality Mailbox at MAQuality@cms.hhs.gov.