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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs), Cost Plans, PACE
Organizations, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Encounter Data Submission of HIPPS Codes

DATE: November 4, 2013

MAOs and other entities were instructed that effective **December 1, 2013** dates of service (DOS), the disposition for the HIPPS codes edits would be changed from 'Informational' to 'Reject' for any Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Home Health (HH) encounters submitted without the appropriate HIPPS codes. The purpose of this notification is to let you know that the December 1, 2013 DOS 'Reject' edit will be delayed to **July 1, 2014** DOS. The 'Informational' edit for HIPPS codes would remain in place until that time.

Please note that MAOs and other entities are still required to submit HIPPS codes if they have them. In addition, we remind plan sponsors that HIPPS codes must be submitted in the 837-Institutional format.

We expect that MAOs and other entities will communicate this change to SNF and HH providers immediately.

Any questions related to this guidance should be sent to encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov. Please use 'Encounter Data Submission of HIPPS Codes' as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.