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**DATE:** July 25, 2014

**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Phase Two of the Improved Quality Improvement Program

**Memorandum Summary**

**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Quality Innovation Network- Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs), the second phase of restructuring the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) program.**

On July 18, 2014, CMS announced the second phase of the restructuring of the QIO contracts. CMS awarded new contracts to fourteen organizations to function as QIN-QIOs. The QIN-QIOs will work with providers and communities across the country on data driven quality initiatives.

The press release is located at <http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-releases/2014-Press-releases-items/2014-07-18.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending>

**Effective Date:** Immediately. This announcement should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management