



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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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