



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: Last Call - One-Time Medicare Funding Requests for FY2015

****Revised to encourage State Survey Agencies (SAs)
to submit funding requests for technology services and support****

Memorandum Summary

One-Time Funds: One-time Medicare funds remain available at this time. States may request these funds for FY2015 expenses. We wish to expedite the availability of such funds for States so that States have sufficient time in the remaining months of FY2015 to obligate the funds for FY2015.

Background

One-time Medicare funds remain available to States at this time. Admin Info Memo 15-26-ALL described the availability of these funds. Admin Info Memo 15-30 encouraged States to consider using such funds to upgrade their technology and services that support distance learning **as well as the survey process**. However, use of one-time funds is not limited to such use, but is available for any appropriate survey & certification (S&C) use that fulfills federal S&C purposes.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) envisions this as an ideal opportunity to accelerate the SAs procurement process for new computer hardware, software, wireless access and other related equipment, e.g., laptops, tablets, mobile wireless access devices, etc. for surveyors. Updating surveyor equipment is also timely considering ongoing efforts to align current survey processes to move toward a single, more effective and efficient process. The CMS believes that States may want to pursue lighter more adaptable hardware equipment that can still meet the minimum requirements / specifications as outlined in the annual Mission & priority document (MPD) to take advantage of data that can help inform and focus the survey process.

At this time we encourage States to review their equipment and other needs that might be addressed via one-time funds that can be obligated in FY2015.

Request Process: States may request one-time Medicare funds through their CMS Regional Office, with a simultaneous copy to the Central Office contact: (Bary.Slovikosky@cms.hhs.gov).

Effective Date: Immediately.

/s/
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