MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations, Cost Plans, and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Release of Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Reporting Tool for Contract Year 2016

Each Medicare Advantage Organization, Cost Plan, and Part D Plan Sponsor is required to submit an MLR report to CMS for each contract year pursuant to the regulations at 42 CFR §§ 422.2460 and 423.2460. This memorandum announces the release of the MLR reporting tool and instructions for Contract Year (CY) 2016.

The MLR reporting tool and instructions for CY 2016 may be obtained in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) at: HPMS Home > Plan Bids > Medical Loss Ratio > CY2016.

The expected timeline for CY 2016 MLR submission is as follows. Another memorandum will be released later this year to serve as a reminder and to confirm the CY 2016 MLR timeline.

- The upload functionality for completed CY 2016 MLR reports will be available in HPMS beginning Friday, November 3, 2017.
- CY 2016 MLR reports must be submitted in HPMS by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Friday, **December 1, 2017**.
- The attestation functionality for CY 2016 MLR reports will be available in HPMS beginning Monday, December 4, 2017.
- CY 2016 MLR attestations must be submitted in HPMS by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Wednesday, **December 13, 2017**.

Additional guidance regarding the MLR reporting requirements may be found at: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Advantage/Plan-Payment/MedicalLossRatio.html.

Questions related to the guidance in this memorandum may be sent to MLRreport@cms.hhs.gov. Technical questions may be addressed to the HPMS Help Desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.

MLR guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will be released separately; questions related to MMPs may be sent to MMCOcapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov.