

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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To: Congressional Health Staff

From: Amy Hall, Director, Office of Legislation
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Re: CMS Posts 10th Statement of Work for Quality Improvement Organizations

Earlier this week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted a Request for Proposals for the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program 10th Statement of Work (SOW). The QIO 10th SOW is an opportunity for potential and current QIO contractors to signal their intent to bid on work for the next contract period, which runs from August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2014. This action follows the issuance of a draft request for proposals on February 25, 2011, and a Town Hall Meeting about the 10th SOW on March 28, 2011.

Charged with improving the effectiveness, efficiency, economy, and quality of services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries, QIOs review medical care, help beneficiaries with complaints about the quality of care, and work with health care providers to implement improvements in the quality of care. QIO contracts are 3 years in length, with each 3-year cycle referred to as a Statement of Work or "SOW." For more information about the QIO program, please see the CMS website at: <http://www.cms.gov/qualityimprovementorgs/>.

The QIO 10th SOW can be viewed at <https://www.fbo.gov> (Solicitation Number: CMS10thSOW).

If you have questions about this announcement, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.