

**U.S. House and Senate Notification
January 27, 2010**

To: Congressional Health Staff

**From: Amy Hall
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Re: CMS Solicits Comments on Initial Core Set of Child Healthcare Quality
Measures for Medicaid and CHIP Programs**

In accordance with section 401(a) of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA, P.L. 111-3) of 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a Federal Register notice to solicit comment on an initial, recommended core set of child healthcare quality measures. The identified core set of measures are for voluntary use by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), health insurance issuers and managed care entities that enter into contracts with such programs, and providers of items and services under these programs. Comments on the proposed quality measures are due no later than March 1, 2010.

The Federal Register notice is available at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-30802.pdf>. Additional information about the recommended healthcare quality measures is described in a background paper, which can be found at <http://www.ahrq.gov/chip/corebackgrnd.htm>. This background paper describes the multi-stakeholder, evidence-informed process the Secretary used to identify the initial, recommended core set of quality measures and also includes detailed information on each of the recommended healthcare measures.

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