

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

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**Subject:** Medicare Announces Demonstration Testing Decision Support Systems for Advanced Medical Imaging Services

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that it is soliciting proposals for participation in the Medicare Imaging Demonstration (MID). The MID was authorized by section 135(b) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 and will test whether the use of decision support systems (DSSs) can improve quality of care and reduce unnecessary radiation exposure and utilization by promoting appropriate ordering of advanced imaging services.

The two-year demonstration will assess the impact that DSSs used by physician practices have on the appropriateness and utilization of advanced medical imaging services ordered for the Medicare fee-for-service population. Applications are due to CMS by September 21, 2010.

Additional information about this demonstration, including how to apply, can be found at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1222075>

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

Thank you.