

**EXHIBIT 291**

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**NOTICE TO HOSPITAL/CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL (CAH )  
OF COLLECTION OF DATA BY THE STATE AGENCY**

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) maintains a data base with survey and certification information on each hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) that participates in Medicare. To enhance the accuracy and completeness of this data, CMS requires State survey agencies to complete a Hospital/CAH Medicare Data Base Worksheet when they are surveying a hospital or CAH, including accredited hospitals and CAHs. CMS does not expect the hospital or CAH to fill out this worksheet, but we do appreciate your assistance to the surveyors gathering the needed information. The type of information requested is most likely maintained in the hospital or CAH's central administrative/financial office(s). We appreciate your cooperation in responding to the surveyor's request for information.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Associate Regional Administrator  
(or its equivalent)*