

**U.S. House and Senate Notification
Monday, February 28, 2011**

To: Congressional Health Staff

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

**Re: CMS Posts Draft 10th Statement of Work for Quality Improvement Organizations on
FedBizOpps**

On Friday, February 25th, CMS posted a Special Notice on FedBizOpps announcing that it anticipates issuing a Request for Proposal for the 10th Statement of Work (SOW) contracts for Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) by mid-March. The purpose of the notice is to: post the draft 10th SOW and solicit comments on this draft; alert interested parties of the need to satisfactorily mitigate Organizational Conflicts of Interest; and alert industry to an upcoming pre-proposal conference, which CMS expects to hold near the end of March.

Comments and questions on the draft QIO 10th SOW must be submitted electronically no later than 5 pm on March 15, 2011. These comments will be reviewed by CMS for consideration in finalization of the 10th SOW. The Special Notice and the draft QIO SOW can be viewed at <https://www.fbo.gov> (Solicitation Number: CMS3411).

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

Thank you.