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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Information Collection Requirements Notification for Medicare Part C and Part D Reporting Requirements Data Validation

DATE: May 10, 2010

On April 6, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a new regulation (4085-F) providing for a series of policy and technical changes to the Medicare Part C and D programs. That rule appeared in the Federal Register on April 15, 2010 (75 FR 19678). One of the requirements in this rule is that each Part C and Part D sponsor be subject to an independent yearly audit of Part C and Part D measures (collected pursuant to our reporting requirements) to determine their reliability, validity, completeness, and comparability in accordance with specifications developed by us. The collection request for the independent yearly audit appeared in the Federal Register on April 19, 2010 (75 FR 20366). This letter is to inform you that five documents related to this data validation requirement have been published to the CMS website pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The five documents included for review and comment are:

1. Organizational Assessment Instrument
2. Data Validation Standards
3. Instructions for Findings Data Collection Form
4. Findings Data Collection Forms
5. Sampling Instructions

The link to these documents can be found at:

<http://www.cms.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRAL/list.asp#TopOfPage>. Once you have clicked on the link, please double-click on CMS-10305. The documents are in PDF and MS Word formats. If you wish to submit comments on the PRA package and the documents identified above, please visit <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter "CMS-10305" for the Keyword or ID search. From there, you will see the Medicare Part C and Part D Data Validation Notice (posted 4/19/10) and the option to submit your comments on any of the documents highlighted above. Please ensure you submit any questions or comments related to the data validation documents or requirements by June 18, 2010.

If you have any specific questions regarding the data validation requirements, please direct them to: [Partcplanreporting@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Partcplanreporting@cms.hhs.gov).

Thank you