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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations – CMS Health Equity Award

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to ensuring that all beneficiaries are able to achieve their highest level of health and that disparities in health care quality and access are eliminated. Through the CMS Health Equity Award, CMS will recognize an organization that has demonstrated a similar commitment to health equity through actions and results focused on reducing disparities. This award will celebrate the organization's work, shining a light on their leadership and providing others with an example of a successful approach to reducing disparities.

The awardee will be announced in February at the CMS Quality Conference. Nominations to the CMS Health Equity Award are **due no later than Wednesday, January 24th, 2018**. To be considered, organizations or individuals nominating an organization should complete the attached form and submit to HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov. Inquires about the award or requests for Health Equity Technical Assistance should also be directed there.