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**DATE:** January 7, 2014  
**TO:** All Prescription Drug Plan, Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and Medicare-Medicaid Plans  
**FROM:** Tracey McCutcheon, MHSA, MBA, Acting Director, Medicare Drug Benefit and C&D Data Group  
**SUBJECT:** Discontinuation of the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Match Rate and Best Available Evidence (BAE) Monitoring Projects

The purpose of this memo is to announce the discontinuation of the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Match Rate and Best Available Evidence (BAE) Monitoring projects for the 2014 benefit year. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased with the overall success of Part D sponsors' maintaining a 95% or higher LIS match rate in recent years.

The final LIS submission and reporting period took place in December and has concluded. Sponsors will not be required to submit any additional data for the LIS Match Rate project.

The final BAE Monitoring submission period is currently in progress for sponsors sampled in the November submission cycle, and will end on December 31, 2013. Part D sponsors sampled in this cycle will receive final Review Results Reports in early January 2014. Part D sponsors will not be required to submit any additional data for the BAE Monitoring project after the conclusion of the current cycle. Acumen will continue to provide guidance around the final LIS Match Rate and BAE Monitoring cycles as needed through the end of the project.

Acumen will maintain access for authorized users of the LIS Match Rate and BAE Monitoring websites until January 31, 2014, after which Part D sponsors will no longer be able to retrieve any historical files or discussion posts through the websites. Users who wish to download previous LIS or BAE reports for future reference must do so by this deadline.

CMS appreciates your cooperation with Acumen, LLC and all of your efforts in making these projects successful. If you have any technical questions or need assistance downloading historical reports, please contact Acumen at [LIS@acumenllc.com](mailto:LIS@acumenllc.com) or [BAE@acumenllc.com](mailto:BAE@acumenllc.com), or call (650) 558-8006. **For all other questions concerning this project, please contact Keely Ireland at (410) 786-7160 or [keely.ireland@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:keely.ireland@cms.hhs.gov).**