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TO: All PACE Organizations
FROM: Amy K. Larrick, Acting Director, Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group
SUBJECT: Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) 2013 Electronic Data

On behalf of the entire Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) Team, I am pleased to provide notification that the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) 2013 beneficiary level data are available for those PACE Organizations which continue to participate in the program. The HOS-M, which is an abbreviated version of the HOS, assesses the frailty of enrollees in PACE Organizations to generate information for payment adjustment.

The 2013 HOS-M Electronic Data File and accompanying documentation are the seventh release of beneficiary level HOS-M data to individual plans. The HOS-M data are intended to support plan quality improvement activities. Each participating organization may obtain their data from the Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) by contacting HOS Information and Technical Support via e-mail at hos@hcqis.org. Please provide your organization's designated recipient of these data, your plan's address, return telephone number, and CMS contract number(s). The data are available for distribution to PACE Organizations at no cost, and will be provided on CD-ROM formatted as a CSV (comma-separated values) file.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact HSAG at the HOS Information and Technical Support e-mail address listed above or by telephone at (888) 880-0077. For policy or program concerns related to the HOS-M, please email hos@cms.hhs.gov. For a general overview of the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey program, visit the CMS HOS website at www.cms.gov/hos.