



**MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP**

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TO: PACE Organizations

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SUBJECT: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly-Health Plan Identifier Notification

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations that the provisions of the final rule implementing standards for a National Health Plan Identifier (HPID), published as CMS-0040-F, on September 5, 2012, applies to PACE organizations. The final rule was developed by CMS' Office of E-Health Standards and Services (OESS) as part of its ongoing role, delegated by the Department of Health and Human Services, to adopt standards for electronic health care transactions under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Each PACE organization must refer to the final rule to determine how the new regulations apply to its specific organization, whether it is required to obtain an HPID and how to apply for an HPID. Please note that health plans, excluding small health plans, are required to obtain HPIDs by November 5, 2014. Small health plans are required to obtain HPIDs by November 5, 2015. All covered entities are required to use HPIDs where they identify health plans that have HPIDs in standard transactions by November 7, 2016.

For educational information and or questions related to HPID, please visit the links below.

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/Affordable-Care-Act/Health-Plan-Identifier.html>

A news release on the final rule may be viewed at  
<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/08/20120824e.html>

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