

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Beneficiary Choices
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-23-07
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



PLAN OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

DATE: January 11, 2007

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare Cost Contractors

FROM: Cynthia E. Moreno /s/
Director

SUBJECT: 2007 Performance Assessment Reports and Monitoring Exemptions

You can now access the Performance Assessment reports and monitoring exemptions for contract year 2007 for your organization by logging in to the Performance Assessment module within HPMS.

The Performance Assessment module contains reports for the following data sets:

- HEDIS
- HOS
- CAHPS
- Disenrollment and Financial metrics
- TAMS report

CMS currently uses this information in two ways:

1. To assess performance on data elements that correspond to monitoring elements
2. To exempt plans from monitoring on those elements for which the plans are performing highly.

CMS intends to incorporate some of the information used in the Performance Assessment system into publicly available consumer comparison tools in late 2007. Additional information on this initiative will be provided at a later date.

For help interpreting the information in these reports, go to the Performance Assessment Module and look at the Industry User Guide.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office plan manager, or Shaheen Halim, Ph.D. at the CMS Central office at 410-786-0641 or shaheen.halim@cms.hhs.gov.