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TO: Medicare Advantage Quality Contacts and Medicare Compliance Officers

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SUBJECT: 2012 HEDIS Submission Date

DATE: July 1, 2011

The Medicare HEDIS 2012 summary and patient-level data submission due dates will be June 15, 2012. At the request of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has aligned the Medicare HEDIS[®] submission due date with the Medicaid and commercial HEDIS submission due dates which for 2012 will be June 15, 2012.

In order to better serve beneficiaries, the Affordable Care Act moved the start date of the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period from November 15 to October 15. The earlier Medicare HEDIS submission due date will help support CMS' goals in providing Medicare beneficiaries with the quality information that they need to make more informed decisions regarding their health plans during the open enrollment period.

CMS will release the list of HEDIS 2012 measures required for reporting in early fall 2011. Questions about the HEDIS technical specifications may be directed to NCQA through its Policy Clarification Support portal at: www.ncqa.org/pcs and questions about your contract's participation in HEDIS and patient-level data collection may be directed to CMS through sending an email to HEDISquestions@cms.hhs.gov.