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TO: All Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans

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SUBJECT: Preview and Release of Contract Year 2011 Special Needs Plans Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set Data

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the opportunity for Special Needs Plans (SNPs) to preview the CY 2011 SNP-specific Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) measures prior to their release. The preview period for the CY 2011 data will be from **November 21 through December 5, 2011**. During this preview period, SNPs may access their HEDIS® scores in HPMS using the following navigation path:

**Quality and Performance > Part C Performance Metrics > Part C Report Card Master Table > 2011 > SNP Data View.**

Following the preview, the data will be posted at the URL listed below:  
[https://www.cms.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/04\\_SNPQuality.asp](https://www.cms.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/04_SNPQuality.asp)

If you have questions about your HEDIS® data during the preview period, please contact us using the HEDIS® mailbox at [HEDISquestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HEDISquestions@cms.hhs.gov). Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.