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TO: All PACE Organizations

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SUBJECT: Clarification to Encounter Data Submissions Memo for PACE Organizations

DATE: November 1, 2013

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the Encounter Data Submissions guidance sent out on September 12, 2013. CMS has received a few questions about how the guidance applies to PACE Organizations.

To clarify, PACE Organizations are only required to submit encounters for services provided beginning January 1, 2013 for which they collect a claim form. CMS does not currently require PACE Organizations to submit encounters for services for which a claim is not collected. We are targeting 2016 to collect encounters for which a claim is not collected and will be providing more information at a later date regarding the submission of encounters for these other services.

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to [encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov). Please use 'HPMS Memo- Clarification to Encounter Data Submissions Memo for PACE Organizations' as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.