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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans

**FROM:** Sharon Donovan  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for Comment on Revisions to Core Measure 9.2

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) previously released the Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Core Reporting Requirements for CY 2015 via an HPMS memo titled “Release of Contract Year 2015 Medicare-Medicaid Plan Reporting Requirements.” As MMPs have begun initial preparation for CY 2015 annual reporting, CMS has received several questions regarding Core Measure 9.2 – Nursing Facility Diversion. As a result, CMS has revised the specifications for this measure to improve clarity.

A draft of the revised specifications for Core Measure 9.2 is attached to this memorandum for review and comment. These updated specifications will replace the Core Measure 9.2 specifications that are currently included in the CY 2015 MMP Core Reporting Requirements.

Several edits were made to this measure – most notably, a new Data Element A was added, and detailed information was added to the Notes section to clarify the calculation of Data Elements B and C. Please note that as with the prior specifications, this measure does not commence reporting until the second calendar year of each demonstration.

Please provide comments using the attached template by November 9, 2015 to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at [MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov).