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To: ALL Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, HCPP, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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Subject: CMS Audit Guides and Related Documents

This notice provides clarification about the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) policy regarding the release of program audit procedures to organizations and the general public. Some audit guides currently available on HPMS and to the public contain cross-references to internal audit procedures and testing tools not available to the public. These embedded cross-references should not be misconstrued to mean this information is available for public viewing.

CMS will inform contracting entities about regulated and contractual requirements subject to program audits, however, to ensure the integrity of the Medicare program, audit procedures and testing tools will not be released. It is the obligation of each contracting organization to ensure its internal operations fully comply with Medicare program requirements.

Please direct questions concerning these policies to your regional office account manager.