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SUBJECT: Special Instructions for Open Door Forum: Convening of the Special Needs Plan Chronic Condition Panel scheduled on September 10, 2008

DATE: August 28, 2008

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services look forward to your participation in this audio conference call. As a reminder, we will conduct an open door forum to announce the convening of the Special Needs Plan Chronic Condition Panel. We will announce the names of the panel members as well as solicit written comments regarding the determination of the conditions that meet the definition of severe and disabling chronic conditions under section 1859(b)(6)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(iii)).

**Open Door Forum Instructions:** *Capacity is limited so dial in early. You may begin dialing into this forum as early as 1:45 PM ET.*

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