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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations and Demonstrations

FROM: Tom Hutchinson, Director
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SUBJECT: **Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) 2008 Data File - UPDATE**

On October 26, 2009, we posted a memorandum and instructions on the 2008 PQRI program that included instructions for downloading a data file. It recently came to our attention that the file we provided was incomplete in the sense that it did not distinguish between eligible professionals that had earned PQRI bonus incentive payments under FFS Medicare for the entire 2008 calendar year, or those that had earned bonuses for only the last six months of the year. Due to this omission we are asking you to suspend the processing of payments until a corrected file is provided.

We will notify you when an updated file is available for download via HPMS. We will provide additional processing instructions at that time. MA organizations will have 60 days from the date we re-release the corrected file to pay PQRI bonuses to appropriate providers.

If you have any questions regarding the PQRI, please contact your CMS account manager. If you have any questions about this HPMS notice, please call Frank Szefflinski on (303) 844-7119.