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NOTE TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Release of County Fee-for-Service Expenditure Data

In accordance with section 1853(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act), we are releasing county fee-for-service expenditure data for 2011. These data can be downloaded from the CMS web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/>. The file is under the link to FFS Data and then the link to FFS Data 2011. Within the file is a spreadsheet for aged, disabled, and End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) beneficiaries.

Each spreadsheet contains several pieces of data for every county in the country:

- total Medicare fee-for-service reimbursement and enrollment for Parts A and B, which exclude expenditures for beneficiaries in hospice and those enrolled in cost contracts, and with Puerto Rico data for beneficiaries enrolled in only both parts A and B;
- the corresponding per capita reimbursement;
- for Part A, reimbursement for direct (DME) and indirect medical education (IME) expenditures and disproportionate share expenditures (DSH); and
- the per capita expenditures with the medical education and disproportionate share expenditures removed.

Included in the above file are links to the FFS data for beneficiaries in hospice status and those enrolled in cost contracts. We are providing separate links to the FFS data for all Puerto Rico beneficiaries enrolled in parts A and/or B.

Also included are several files supporting the repricing of FFS claims to reflect the most current wage index. The spreadsheets *aged11adjustments....csv* and *dbld11adjustment....csv* reflect the impact of the FFS repricing on 2007-2011 FFS claims, separate for each payment system (acute inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility, hospital outpatient, home health agency, and physician). The spreadsheets *geographic indices 2007-2013....csv* contain the geographic indices supporting the FFS claim repricing. Finally, the document *ratebook "FFS repricing specifications CY2014.docx"* provides technical specifications for the repricing adjustments.

The expenditure data reported on these files may be slightly understated. The expenditure data is derived from actual claims processed by intermediaries and carriers and tabulated through the National Claims History File at CMS. Due to a cutoff date of about 9 months after the close of a year in processing bills for this release, the data are not totally complete, and the degree of completeness varies somewhat from one county to another. In addition, end-of-year settlements between certain providers and CMS, which are not completed until providers file their cost reports, are not reflected in these data.

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