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## **CENTER FOR MEDICARE**

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**TO:** All Registered HPMS Users

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**SUBJECT:** Impact of the Verizon Cut-Over on the Health Plan Management System (HPMS)

As described in the May 16, 2011 HPMS memo entitled "Important Change Notice of AT&T/MDCN Switch to Verizon Business Networx Services (VBNS)," CMS is in the process of migrating from the AT&T-managed Medicare Data Communications Network (MDCN) to a new CMS Extranet managed by Verizon. As part of this migration, CMS must discontinue the use of AT&T-owned IP addresses.

Consequently, **beginning August 31, 2011**, the following IP address used to denote HPMS production will no longer work: https://32.90.191.19.

The following table presents the old and new site names for both internal and external users by method of accessing the system:

User Type and Access Method	Discontinued Site Name	New Site Name
External users accessing HPMS via the Medicare Data Communications Network (MDCN)	https://32.90.191.19	https://hpms.cms.gov
External users accessing HPMS via the Internet (SSL VPN)	https://gateway.cms.hhs.gov	https://gateway.cms.gov
Internal CMS users accessing HPMS via the CMS network	https://32.90.191.19	https://hpms.cms.gov

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Internal CMS users accessing HPMS via the Internet (SSL VPN)	https://gateway.cms.hhs.gov	https://gateway.cms.gov

Users must ensure that bookmarks to HPMS are updated to reference the new site names.

For external users accessing HPMS over the MDCN, please consult with your internal IT staff if you encounter issues using the new domain name (https://hpms.cms.gov).

For questions related to this memo, please contact Don Freeburger at either don.freeburger@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-4586.