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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations and 1876 Cost Plans

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SUBJECT: Technical Specifications for Part C Medicare Advantage and 1876 Cost Plan
            Reporting

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We are pleased to announce that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the
Information Collection Request (ICR), sometimes referred to as the "PRA", for the new Part C
Medicare Advantage and 1876 Cost Plan Reporting Requirements that were initially published in
the Federal Register on June 26, 2008 ("60-day notice"), and subsequently published in the
Federal Register on October 3, 2008 ("30 day notice"). The final 2009 Part C Reporting
Requirements are posted at the following web path:
www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/16_ReportingRequirements.asp .

We are also releasing a Technical Specifications document for the CY2009 Part C Reporting
Requirements. These Technical Specifications are identical in content to the information
included in the 2009 Part C Reporting Requirements document and do not alter or add to the data
collection described therein. Rather, the technical document provides a simplified, user-friendly
guide to the information that received OMB clearance. Specifically, we have organized the
Technical Specifications document to clearly present the Reporting Requirements in a
standardized format, including data element definitions and additional notes which offer
clarifications derived from the responses to comments received under the OMB clearance
process. This document will be posted at the same location as the 2009 Part C Reporting
Requirements both on the external CMS website and on the HPMS Plan Reporting site.

Comments or questions should be sent via email to partcplanreporting@cms.hhs.gov and include
the title of the specific element to which your question applies in the subject line.