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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations, Cost Plans, and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Report and Attestation Submission Reminder for Contract Year (CY) 2015

This memorandum serves as a reminder that the upload functionality for CY 2015 MLR Reports will be available in HPMS beginning November 4, 2016. The CY 2015 MLR Reports must be submitted by **11:59 PM Pacific Time (PT) on Friday, December 2, 2016.**

The electronic Attestation functionality for CY 2015 MLR will be available in HPMS beginning December 5, 2016. The CY 2015 MLR Attestations must be submitted by **11:59 PM Pacific Time (PT) on Friday, December 9, 2016.**

The MLR Reports and electronic Attestations must be submitted in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) at: HPMS Home > Plan Bids > Medical Loss Ratio > CY2015.

Each Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO), Cost Plan, and Part D Plan Sponsor is required to submit an MLR Report to CMS for each contract year pursuant to the regulations at 42 CFR §§ 422.2460 and 423.2460. The MLR reporting tool and instructions for CY 2015 may be obtained in HPMS at: HPMS Home > Plan Bids > Medical Loss Ratio > CY2015.

MAOs, Cost Plans, and Part D Plan Sponsors whose contracts were terminated, consolidated or withdrawn in CY 2015 are required to submit an MLR Report that accounts for Part C and D revenue, including the risk adjustment reconciliation amounts. CMS will post the Part C and Part D risk adjustment reconciliation amounts by November 4, 2016 for contracts that terminated, consolidated or withdrew in CY 2015 at: HPMS Home > Risk Adjustment > Risk Adjustment Reconciliation Amount. These values were obtained from the July 2016 MMR, for adjustment reason code (ARC) 25 and 37. These values are prior to application of sequestration (i.e., "gross" of sequestration). This information may be used in the development of CY 2015 MLR reporting.

Additional guidance regarding the MLR reporting requirements may be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Advantage/Plan-Payment/medicallossratio.html>. Questions regarding the Medicare MLR Report may be sent to MLRreport@cms.hhs.gov. Technical questions may be addressed to the HPMS Help Desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.