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To: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Section 1876 Cost, and Medicare-Medicaid Plan Organizations

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Subject: Changes Resulting from Federal Register Notice of Public Comment Period for Updated Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Collection

On April 2, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an opportunity for sponsoring organizations and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests and other supporting data collection instruments. The comment period for this 60-day notice closed on June 1, 2018.

We are making changes in response to public comments. We now intend to update this PRA package to once again include the audit protocols, inclusive of compliance standards, that are used to audit sponsor performance. These documents will be included in the upcoming 30-day notice for this PRA package for public comment.

We anticipate this PRA package will still be approved by 2019, but we intend to delay implementation until audit year 2020. This will allow stakeholders sufficient time to fully implement the changes, program system changes, and practice pulling universes. Therefore, the current audit protocols and record layouts for universes used in 2017 and 2018 will continue to be utilized for audits conducted in 2019 (under the existing OMB approved 0938-1000 which expires 04/30/2020).

For additional information, please refer to:

- The 60-day notice (CMS-10191; OMB control number: 0938-1000), published at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-04-02/pdf/2018-06645.pdf>.
- The supporting statement and related forms for the proposed collection summarized in this notice, available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html> under CMS Form Number CMS-10191.

Thank you again for your feedback.