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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Phase III Version 3 MAO-004 Report Distribution for Inactive Contracts

In December 2015, CMS created the MAO-004 report to inform Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) of the risk adjustment eligibility of diagnosis data submitted on accepted Encounter Data Records (EDRs).

In response to feedback from stakeholders, CMS has made a number of key revisions to the format and content of the report over the past two years and has released revised reports in batches to MAOs. Sponsors of contracts that were active during the data submission period, but were inactive when CMS revised and recreated the MAO-004 reports, have not received updated reports.

CMS understands the importance of the MAO-004 report to sponsoring MAOs and has developed a solution for delivering MAO-004 reports to MAOs with inactive contracts. Beginning with the Phase III Version 3 MAO-004 reports to be released in April, CMS will distribute MAO-004 reports for inactive contracts. Reports will be generated for the inactive contract if that contract 1) submitted accepted encounter data records on or after January 1, 2014 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, and 2) the organization that sponsored the currently inactive contract currently has an active EFT connection to CMS. CMS will release MAO-004 reports for inactive contracts through the organization's active EFT connection where the MAO currently receives reports for active contracts. MAOs with de-activated MARx system access for these contracts will not be able to access and retrieve these reports on the MARx UI.

MAO-004 reports for inactive contracts will follow the same naming convention as the MAO-004 report for active contracts. MAOs should reference the February 23, 2018 HPMS Memo, "Phase III Version 3 MAO-004 Reports Distribution Update," for the EFT naming convention, and the Phase III Version 3 distribution process. The MAO-004 reports for the inactive contracts will be distributed following the release of reports for the active contracts.

Please email riskadjustment@cms.hhs.gov with the subject heading, "Phase III Version 3 MAO-004 Report Distribution to Inactive Contracts" for questions related to this memo.