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**MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT AND C & D DATA GROUP**

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**DATE:** July 19, 2019

**TO:** All PACE Organizations

**FROM:** Amy Larrick Chavez-Valdez, Director, Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group

**SUBJECT:** 2018 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) Electronic Data

On behalf of the entire Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) Team, I am pleased to provide notification that the 2018 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) beneficiary level data are available for those PACE Organizations which continue to participate in the program. The HOS-M, which is an abbreviated version of the HOS, assesses the frailty of enrollees in PACE Organizations to generate information for payment adjustment.

The 2018 HOS-M Electronic Data File and accompanying documentation are the twelfth release of beneficiary level HOS-M data to individual plans. The HOS-M data are intended to support plan quality improvement activities. Each participating organization may obtain their data from the Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) by contacting HOS Information and Technical Support via e-mail at [HOS@hcqis.org](mailto:HOS@hcqis.org). Please provide your organization's designated recipient of these data, your plan's address, return telephone number, and CMS contract number(s). The data are available for distribution to PACE Organizations at no cost, and will be provided via secure file transfer, formatted as an encrypted CSV (comma-separated values) file.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact HSAG at the HOS Information and Technical Support email address listed above or by telephone at (888) 880-0077. For policy or program concerns related to the HOS-M, please email [hos@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hos@cms.hhs.gov). For a general overview of the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey program, visit the CMS HOS website at [www.cms.gov/hos](http://www.cms.gov/hos).