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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations

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SUBJECT: Training Information for Chronic Care Improvement Program and Quality Improvement Projects

The purpose of this memo is to provide Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) with information on upcoming training for the Chronic Care Improvement Program (CCIP) and Quality Improvement Project (QIP) Annual Update submissions for contract year (CY) 2015 and the CCIP and QIP “Plan” section submissions for CY 2016. All MAOs must conduct a CCIP and QIP as part of their quality improvement in accordance with Federal Regulations at 42 CFR §422.152. This requirement does not apply to 1876 Cost Plans and the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

MAOs must submit the Annual Updates for CY 2015 and Plan sections for CY 2016 through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Plan Reporting Module. The window for all submissions will be October 5, 12AM EST through October 13, 8PM EST. CMS will release templates prior to the submission window to enable MAOs to prepare their “Plan” sections and Annual Updates.

CMS will conduct training on the Plan sections and Annual Updates on Wednesday, September 2, followed by a related Question and Answer session on Wednesday, September 9. See below for start times and webinar information. Please note that audio will be provided through the webinar only. If you are unable to attend during this live training, a recording will be available on the CMS Quality website. We encourage MAOs to visit our Quality website for additional information and resources, including past trainings: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/Medicare-Advantage-Quality-Improvement-Program/Overview.html>.

MAO QIP/CCIP Plan Section and Annual Update Submission Training

Wednesday September 2, 2015 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET
<https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/r8a41pw7e7j/>

MAO QIP/CCIP Follow-up Question and Answer Session

Wednesday September 9, 2015 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
<https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/r8a41pw7e7j/>

If you have any questions about the information in this memorandum, please send an email to the Medicare Advantage Quality Mailbox at: MAQuality@cms.hhs.gov.