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SUBJECT: Implementation of Process to Provide States with Information on Providers and Suppliers that have been Terminated from the Medicare Program or Children’s Health Insurance Programs.

This informational bulletin is to notify you of a process that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing to provide States with information on providers and suppliers that have been terminated from the Medicare program and the Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP).

Background:

Section 6401(b)(2) of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), P.L. 111-148, requires CMS to establish a process to make available to State Medicaid and CHIP agencies certain information on Medicare providers and suppliers that are terminated from participation in the Medicare program or CHIP.

All terminated provider information is to include the provider or supplier name, National Provider Identifier (NPI), and other identifying information.

Furthermore, ACA section 6501 amends section 1902(a)(39) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require that States terminate any Medicaid provider that has been terminated from participation by Medicare or another State Medicaid program. The effective date for section 1902(a)(39) of the Act is January 1, 2011. We will be issuing additional guidance regarding this requirement in the near future.

Information on Terminated Medicare Providers and Suppliers:

CMS is working towards the development of a system that will enable information on terminated providers and suppliers to be shared across programs in an automated manner. In the interim, we will be disseminating this information to States on a recurring basis via email and by posting the information to a secure website that is sponsored by the Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII).

Included as an attachment to this bulletin is a listing of all Medicare certified providers and suppliers that have been involuntarily terminated from the Medicare program from 1985 to present. This list will also be posted to the secure website sponsored by the MII. We will provide you with monthly updates to the listing of Medicare certified providers and suppliers that have been involuntarily terminated from the program via email and by posting such updates to the MII secure website. For information regarding who in your State has access to this website, please contact Mr. Robb Miller, Director of the Division of Field Operations, Medicaid Integrity Group, at 312-353-0923 or via email at Robb.Miller@cms.hhs.gov. Each State has only one user license. Unfortunately, during the pendency of this initial process, we will not be able to issue any additional user licenses. You may, however, choose to reassign your State's user license to another individual if you feel that is more appropriate.

Beginning January 1, 2011, States will be required to terminate from participation in Medicaid any provider that has been terminated from the Medicare program or from another State's Medicaid program, in accordance with Section 1902(a)(39) of the Act. Although you are not required to take any action against these providers at this time, we strongly encourage you to review the list to identify any providers that are currently participating in your State's Medicaid or CHIP program. If there are providers currently participating in the Medicaid or CHIP program that have been previously terminated from Medicare, we also encourage you to evaluate the provider to determine if it is appropriate to initiate termination action at this time, or if additional oversight and scrutiny of the provider is warranted.

To better assist us in our oversight activities across programs, please also provide Robb Miller with a single point of contact within your State for follow-up queries on actions you take as the result of this list. CMS MIG staff will periodically reach out to your identified point of contact for the results of any actions you take with regard to providers that appear on the terminated provider list that are also currently participating in the Medicaid or CHIP program.

Because the universe of certified providers and suppliers does not include all providers and suppliers that participate in the Medicare program, CMS will also be issuing instructions to the Medicare contractors to require each contractor to report to CMS on a monthly basis a list of all providers and suppliers that have had their Medicare billing privileges revoked. The information reported to CMS by the Medicare contractors will include the following information:

- a. Legal Business Name of the Organization or Individual
- b. National Provider Identifier
- c. Correspondence or Practice location
- d. Reason for revocation
- e. Date of revocation

For administrative simplification and to facilitate information sharing, CMS will compile the information received on revocations and terminations from each Medicare contractor into a single consolidated report prior to sharing it, via email and the MII's secure website, with each State.

Information on Terminated CHIP Providers:

CMS is establishing a process to provide terminated CHIP provider information to States at a national level so that this information can be shared with Medicaid consistent with section 6401(b)(2). Some CHIP programs operate under the State Medicaid Agency and in these instances, CHIP terminated provider information is often already shared with Medicaid. There are also CHIPs that operate under an agency that is separate from the State Medicaid Agency, and provider termination information may not currently be shared with Medicaid.

Thus, we continue to work with CHIP programs to gain access to CHIP terminated providers so that these data can be shared. Once that process is finalized, we will share that information with you. It is anticipated that, consistent with the Medicare terminations, the vehicle for sharing CHIP terminated providers will be the secure website sponsored by the MII and CHIP terminated providers will be shared on a recurring basis.

CMS will hold a conference call for States to provide information related to the requirements of ACA Section 6401(b)(2) presented in this bulletin on Thursday June 24, 2010, at 2:30 PM. The toll free number and participant ID number are provided below.

Conference Call for States

Date: June 24 th, 2010

Time: 2:30 PM (EST)

Duration: 1 Hour

Conference Toll Free Dial In Number: (877) 267-1577

Meeting ID: 2095

Meeting password: 222222222

Note: In order to participate in the conference you will be required to enter the Meeting ID and password# listed above.

Thank you for your continued commitment to combating fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid and CHIP programs. Questions regarding this information can be directed to Amber MacCarroll, Senior Advisor, Medicaid Integrity Group at 410-786-6773 or via email at Amber.Maccarroll@cms.hhs.gov.