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Subject: Instructional Materials for Cost-sharing Reduction Reconciliation

An instructional manual for reconciliation of the cost-sharing reduction component of advance payments for benefit year 2016 is now available on the CCIIO website.

The final manual provides Qualified Health Plan issuers with general instructions on using the standard, simplified, and actuarial value methodologies described at 45 CFR § 156.430 for the purpose of determining the value of cost-sharing reduction amounts provided to eligible Marketplace enrollees, and further describes the data elements issuers are required to submit when the 2016 benefit year cost-sharing reduction reconciliation process begins in spring 2017. The manual also includes guidance on restatements of prior year cost-sharing reduction amounts. The manual is located at: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/Final-Manual-for-Reconciliation-of-the-Cost-Sharing-Reduction-Component-of-Advance-Payments-for-the-2016-Benefit-Year.pdf>.

Draft technical guidance on actual submission of data is located at: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/index.html#PremiumStabilization%20Programs>. CMS may update technical documents as needed. Associated forms may be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-Other-Resources/index.html#PremiumStabilization%20Programs>.