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Subject: Instructional materials for Cost-Sharing Reductions Reconciliation

A draft instructional manual for reconciliation of the cost-sharing reductions component of advance payments for Benefit Year 2016 is now available on the CCIIO website.

The draft 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 draft manual also includes guidance on restatements of prior year cost-sharing reductions provided. The draft manual is available on the CCIIO website under Premium Stabilization Programs/Regulations and Guidance or see https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/CMS-Guidance-on-CSR-reconciliation-2016-benefit-year-10_31_2016.pdf Comments on this draft manual should be submitted to CSRreview@cms.hhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. ET on December 2, 2016.

Technical specifications that must be used by issuers to submit data will be released separately.