DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
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Subject: Data submission deadline for cost-sharing reduction reconciliation

The Affordable Care Act requires issuers of qualified health plans (QHPs) to provide reduced cost sharing for essential health benefits (EHB) to eligible Marketplace enrollees. Pursuant to 45 CFR 156.430(c), issuers of QHPs must notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services annually of cost-sharing reductions provided on behalf of eligible enrollees for actual essential health services. The amount of cost-sharing reductions provided to enrollees is then reconciled to payments that have been made to the issuer for the applicable benefit year.

Data submission to determine the reconciliation of cost-sharing reductions provided for the 2014 and 2015 benefit years began on April 1, 2016. To ensure the accuracy of data submission, and to accommodate issuers that are submitting data for both the 2014 and 2015 benefit years for the first time, **CMS will extend the final deadline for submission of 2014 and 2015 cost-sharing reduction reconciliation data to Friday, June 3, 2016 at 11:59 pm EDT.**

Additionally, to help ensure that issuers will be able to submit their CSR reconciliation data successfully by the Friday, June 3, 2016 deadline, **we are establishing an interim data submission deadline of Monday, May 2, 2016, 11:59 pm EDT**, by which time we are requiring all issuers to have submitted a data file to CMS. If an issuer has submitted a data file that has been processed by the interim deadline, the issuer will be deemed to be in compliance with the interim deadline, even if the file submitted fails CMS validations.