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**Subject**: The Transitional Reinsurance Program: Availability of the ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program Annual Enrollment and Contributions Submission Form on Pay.gov for the 2016 Benefit Year

Section 1341 of the Affordable Care Act established a Transitional Reinsurance Program to stabilize premiums in the individual market inside and outside of the Marketplaces. The Transitional Reinsurance Program will collect contributions from health insurance issuers and certain self-insured group health plans (Contributing Entities) in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Benefit Years to fund reinsurance payments to issuers of non-grandfathered reinsurance-eligible individual market plans, the administrative costs of operating the Reinsurance program, and the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury.

HHS has implemented a streamlined process for the collection of reinsurance contributions where a Contributing Entity, or a third party administrator (TPA) or Administrative-services only (ASO) contractor on behalf of the Contributing Entity, can complete all of the required steps for the reinsurance contribution submission process on Pay.gov: registration, submission of the annual enrollment count via the '2016 ACA Transitional Reinsurance Program Annual Enrollment and Contributions Submission Form' (2016 Form) and remittance of contributions.

The 2016 Form will be available via https://www.pay.gov/ on **Monday, October 3, 2016** in time for the 2016 Benefit Year's annual enrollment count submission deadline of November 15, 2016 set forth under 45 CFR 153.405(b). We note that reinsurance contribution payments are not due on November 15, 2016. HHS offers Contributing Entities the option to pay the 2016 Benefit Year contribution in:

(1) One (1) payment due by January 17, 2017 reflecting $27.00 per covered life; **or**

(2) Two (2) separate payments with the first remittance due by January 17, 2017 reflecting $21.60 per covered life and the second remittance due by November 15, 2017, reflecting $5.40 per covered life.

Additional information regarding the Transitional Reinsurance Program can be accessed at https://www.REGTAP.info/ and https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/Premium-Stabilization-Programs/The-Transitional-Reinsurance-Program/Reinsurance-Contributions.html.