



**MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP**

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TO: PACE Organizations  
FROM: Kathryn A. Coleman, Director  
SUBJECT: Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Quality Measure Testing

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with Econometrica, Inc. in September 2014 to adapt existing quality measures endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) for the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). These adaptations will address the many differences between the PACE setting and other health care settings, and tailor those measures for the PACE population. CMS anticipates that this PACE quality measures initiative will continue through late 2018. Each year, CMS, with the support of Econometrica, intends to target a number of quality measures to potentially adapt and implement across PACE organizations.

In the fall of 2014, CMS and Econometrica decided to assess the feasibility of adapting and implementing the following four measures:

- Falls;
- Falls with Injury;
- Pressure Ulcers (rate and prevention); and
- 30-Day All-Cause Hospital Readmissions.

CMS and Econometrica are nearing the completion of adapting the four measures (noted above) for the PACE population, and are ready to test the application of these measure in a real-life setting.

In order to make sure that these adapted measures are accurate, valid, and reliable measures of the quality of care delivered at PACE organizations, CMS and Econometrica expect to test these measures across a statically valid sample of PACE organizations representing various characteristics, such as geography, historical interaction/experience with the program, and the number of PACE participants. This measure testing will include the evaluation of the effectiveness and applicability of measurement processes, procedures, and materials (including submission forms and technologies). Econometrica will provide training in advance of the testing and will assist personnel at each PACE organization to limit the burden on program personnel.

CMS strongly encourages PACE organizations and personnel to cooperate with Econometrica in order to maximize the value of the testing and guarantee that any resulting quality measures

provide a realistic assessment tool for evaluating and addressing the quality of care at each PACE organization.

Econometrica personnel will be contacting you over the next several weeks to arrange testing and data collection. You might receive emails, phone calls, and other communications from the following people:

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This testing effort has been approved by OMB under control number 0938-1185 (CMS-10557).

If you have any addition questions, please contact Stacy Davis, PACE Task Order Contracting Officer's Representative, at: [stacy.davis@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:stacy.davis@cms.hhs.gov) .

Thank you for your cooperation.