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Subject: 2006 Contract Status

We are writing to tell you how to learn the status of your CMS contract for 2006. This information will be available on Friday, September 23, and may be accessed through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) in the following manner -

From the HPMS homepage, use the following navigation path: Plan Bids > Reports. On the "Select a Report" page, choose the Bid Status History Report and select your contract number(s). If a date appears in the "Contract Approval Date" column for your contract number, then the contract has been approved by CMS in HPMS. If a date does not appear in the "Contract Approval Date" column for your contract number, then you may call CMS for more information.

If your organization was not required to submit bids, then you will not be able to use this report to determine your contract status.

Fully executed contracts will be sent to organizations by mid-October. If you have any questions regarding your contract status, please contact the appropriate person listed below for additional information.

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Thank you.