

Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group

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TO: Regional Preferred Provider Organizations

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SUBJECT: Regional Preferred Provider Organization Network Adequacy Assessment

Pursuant to the September 19, 2008, memorandum from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Regional Preferred Provider Organizations (RPPO) were asked to complete an RPPO network adequacy assessment for their current provider networks to determine their utilization of alternative mechanisms to meet access standards. This information was used to support provisions at 42 CFR 422.114(a) which require Private Fee-For-Service plans to have a network of contracted providers in areas where there are two or more Coordinated Care plans, which would include RPPOs.

To verify that information reported nearly a year ago is still valid, and for sampling purposes, CMS must further review RPPO network information submitted last September. Therefore, we are requesting that RPPOs complete the attached Health Service Delivery (HSD) tables. The tables will be used to support CMS analysis of RPPO network data provided at that time.

All tables must be completed and electronically submitted in the attached excel format to Daniella Stanley at daniella.stanley@cms.hhs.gov by September 5, 2009. We thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment, please contact Daniella Stanley at (410) 786-3723.

Attachments:
HSD Tables (Excel Files)