



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: FY 2016 Mission & Priority document (MPD) – Action

Memorandum Summary

FY 2016 MPD: Enclosed is the revised FY 2016 MPD. Thank you for comments and suggestions on the draft document previously issued as AdminInfo Memo 15-45. The final document is improved as a result of the feedback. There are no major, substantive changes except for that portion dealing with the hospital patient safety initiative (please see pp. 26-7).

Hospice Funding Requests

Funding for hospice surveys will follow the same approach in FY2016 as in FY2015 (communicated via AdminInfo 15-26). In short, all survey and certification work in FY 2016 regarding both non-deemed and deemed hospices is to be funded first by IMPACT funds (after subtracting that portion of costs properly assigned to the State's usual licensure share of the costs). Medicare S&C funds will be used after the State's allocation of IMPACT Act funds has been committed. In AdminInfo Memo 15-45 we requested that States send us the request for total FY2016 hospice funding by September 18, 2016. We have left Column D2 of Appendix 2 of the MPD blank until we have more time to review requests for hospice funding. We will issue a separate memorandum conveying the IMPACT funds allotted to each State.

S&C Medicare Funding Allocation Process

We have projected a 1.0% increase in Medicare funds as a target for this FY for all States. However, when Congress passes a final budget, we will engage in a process similar to the process used in FY2013-15; that is, we will ask each State to submit a budget request based on the State's needs and amount that the State actually expects to use. Due to State hiring limitations and the timing of federal appropriations, both we and States have found it more challenging to project funding availability and actual funding use in advance of the FY. We will therefore continue to provide a projected funding target, but will follow up later in the year with a more specific process.

/s/

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Attachment

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management