



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Partners Health Plan

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SUBJECT: Required Date to Begin Submission of Encounter Data

In our June 6, 2014, Quality Withhold Technical Notes (DY1) we articulate when MMPs would be required to start submitting encounter data. Specifically, the Notes specify that for Demonstration Year 1, “The first submission of encounters must be within **four months from the first enrollment effective date or from the earliest date the MMP could submit**, whichever is later (to be identified in the state-specific attachment).” The full text of the Notes may be found at the Information and Guidance for Plans page (<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/Downloads/DY1QualityWithholdGuidance060614.pdf>).

The FIDA-IDD plan must begin submitting Medicare and Medicaid encounters to CMS no later than August 31, 2016. The initial submission should include data from April 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 (or later, to adhere to the filing of encounters within 180 days of date of service). We identified this date as “the earliest the MMP could submit” based on meeting all the following criteria:

- CMS systems prepared to receive encounter data; and
- State companion guide issued to MMPs.

The FIDA-IDD plan must also meet the requirements in the notes with respect to frequency of submission (based on number of enrollees per contract ID), as well as timeliness of submission, i.e., 180 days from date of service.

If you have any questions, please email the MMCO resource email at MMCOcapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov.