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To: Hospital CFOs
Cc: Hospital Quality Liaisons
Case Mix Liaisons
From: Alyson Schuster, Deputy Director of Quality Methodologies
Date: April 10, 2020
Re: Quality Program COVID-19 Update

This memo is to update hospitals on HSCRC's 3/25/20 request and CMS' 4/9/20 response confirming that Maryland hospitals can follow CMS guidance to IPPS hospitals on data submissions and data use for pay-for-performance programs. The HSCRC request and CMS response may be found in the [combined document](#) posted to the HSCRC COVID-19 information webpage. The CMS response confirms that Maryland hospitals can submit late or forgo submission of CMS quality data for October 2019 to June 2020, and that the state can suspend the use of data from January 2020 to June 2020 for all quality revenue adjustments. This was supported by Commissioners during the closed commission meeting on 3/27/2020. Hospitals are to continue reporting case mix data and the HSCRC will produce quality reports based on case-mix data for information purposes only. Staff will evaluate options for implementing RY 2022 revenue adjustments in the future, such as using the latter half of CY 2020 or extending the performance period into next calendar year.

For general HSCRC updates regarding COVID-19 please go to this website: <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>.