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Sent via e-mail. Hard copy to follow.

To: Maryland Hospital Chief Financial Officers

Cc: Case Mix Liaisons Contacts

From: Oscar Ibarra, Chief Information Management & Program Administration (OI)

Re: Resubmission of Inpatient and Outpatient Data Case Mix Data for Rate Year 2010 to Correct Patient Identifiers, Units of Service and Charges at the Unit Rate Center Level

As a onetime accommodation, the Commission will permit the resubmission of both inpatient and outpatient case mix data tapes for all four quarters of Rate Year 2010 to allow each hospital a final opportunity to target corrections to:

- Units of service and corresponding revenue by unit rate center- This is to ensure reconciliation with the corresponding financial data within established compliance corridors.
- Patient sex, date of birth and zip code errors- This is to capture corrections to patient identifiers that allow HSCRC to more accurately match patients in our readmission initiative.

Regarding multiple medical record numbers (MRNs) assigned to the same unique patient over time, per the memorandum to CFOs dated 5/24/10, HSCRC is requiring that hospitals submit a map of all MRNs belonging to each unique patient where the patient has more than one MRN in RY 2010. As we understand that some facilities are changing MRNs related to HIPAA concerns on a rolling basis, going forward, we will ask that hospitals continue to submit a separate map of all MRNs belonging to unique patients where there are multiple MRNs.

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PLEASE NOTE: Within the next 2 weeks, HSCRC will also provide encrypted data to each facility for cases that we suspect have sex, date of birth, zip code and MRN errors to facilitate correction of these fields.

The final submission dates for all data are the fourth quarter closing dates, September 28, 2010 for inpatient and October 13, 2010 for outpatient.

Any resubmissions of quarter's 1-3 data (inpatient and outpatient) will be subject to a \$250 data submission charge per resubmission/per quarter by St. Paul.

This deviation from established deadlines is intended to ensure the quality of the data to be used for new and refined methodologies such as CPV, denials, one day length of stays, and readmissions. Potentially, each hospital may submit four revised inpatient and four revised outpatient tapes, at a minimum, to The St. Paul Group for processing before the final deadlines stated above. We request that you get these revisions to the St. Paul Group as soon as they are completed as the data to be rerun is massive, takes a great deal of time and man power, and the final data results are crucial for implementing new methodologies.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at 410-764-2566.