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SUBJECT: Release of Contract Year 2009 SNP Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Data and Plan Preview of Contract Year 2010 SNP HEDIS® Data

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce: (1) CMS' release of the Special Needs Plan (SNP)-specific HEDIS® measures covering contract year (CY) 2009; and (2) the opportunity for SNPs to preview the CY 2010 SNP-specific HEDIS® measures prior to their release.

With respect to the CY 2009 data, we note that plans were previously afforded a preview opportunity during September 2009. These data are now posted at http://www.cms.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/04_SNPQuality.

The preview period for the CY 2010 data will be from **July 20 through August 5, 2011**. During this preview period, SNPs may access their HEDIS® scores in HPMS using the following navigation path:

Quality and Performance > Part C Performance Metrics > Part C Report Card Master Table > 2011 > SNP Data View.

Following the preview, the data will be posted at the URL listed below:
http://www.cms.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/04_SNPQuality

If you have questions about your HEDIS® data during the preview period, please contact us using the HEDIS® mailbox at HEDISquestions@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.