

APPENDIX J

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DEMONSTRATION FACT SHEET—COMPARISON PHYSICIANS**

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WHAT IS THE MEDICARE CARE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE (MCMP) DEMONSTRATION?

Section 649 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a *pay-for-performance* demonstration program with physicians to meet the needs of eligible beneficiaries through the adoption and use of health information technology (HIT) and evidence-based outcome measures. The Medicare Care Management Performance (MCMP) Demonstration is one of these demonstration programs. MCMP is being sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE DEMONSTRATION?

The goals of the three-year demonstration are to improve quality of care to eligible fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries and encourage the implementation and use of HIT. The specific objectives are to promote continuity of care, help stabilize medical conditions, prevent or minimize acute exacerbations of chronic conditions, and reduce adverse health outcomes.

WHICH STATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION?

Solo and small- to medium-sized practices in Arkansas, California, Massachusetts, and Utah were eligible to apply for participation in MCMP.

WHY ARE YOU CONTACTING NON-PARTICIPATING PRACTICES?

The evaluation is utilizing a *comparison group* (or *quasi-experimental*) design for the impact analysis. To identify the comparison group, Doctor's Office Quality-Information Technology (DOQ-IT) practices in selected non-demonstration states that match most closely to those in the demonstration states were selected.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THE STUDY?

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) is an independent research company that was hired by CMS to conduct the MCMP study. MPR is a leader in the policy research and analysis field and has been conducting surveys and evaluations for over 40 years. You can learn more about MPR by visiting its website at www.mathematica-mpr.com

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. All of the information we collect in the survey will be kept confidential to the extent allowable by law. The information will be used for research purposes only. Neither your name nor your practices' name will ever be used in any reports.

HOW LONG WILL THE DEMONSTRATION RUN?

The demonstration began operations on July 1, 2007, and will end in June 2010.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

Physicians who participated in a pretest took an average of 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

HOW DID YOU GET MY NAME?

Your name was selected from among physicians who serve Medicare beneficiaries in your area.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about the demonstration, please visit the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/downloads/MMA649_Summary.pdf.

For more information about the survey, please call MPR toll-free at 1-XXX-XXX and ask for Melanie Costas.