

**Appendix D**

**CAHPS® for Merit-based Incentive Payment System  
(MIPS) Survey**

**CAHPS for MIPS Survey Second Cover Letter  
(English)**

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**2017 CAHPS for MIPS Survey  
SECOND COVER LETTER - English**

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[VENDOR LETTERHEAD]

[VENDOR RETURN ADDRESS]  
[LAST DATE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> SURVEY MAILING]

Dear [FIRST LAST]:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency that administers the Medicare program and its responsibility is to ensure that you get high quality care. One of the ways CMS can fulfill that responsibility is to find out directly from you about the care you are currently receiving under the Medicare program.

CMS is inviting you to share your experiences with health care by completing a survey. CMS has contracted with [VENDOR NAME] to conduct this survey. Your name was selected at random by CMS from among the individuals who have visited the provider named in the enclosed survey. We recently mailed you this survey, and since we have not heard back from you, we are sending you another copy. We hope you will take this opportunity to help CMS learn about the quality of care you receive by filling out the survey. It should take about 20 minutes to complete. The accuracy of the results depends on getting answers from you and other people with Medicare selected for this survey. This is your opportunity to help CMS serve you better.

Please answer the questions in the survey thinking about your experiences in the last six months. [VENDOR NAME] will hold your identifying information and all information you provide in confidence, and your information is protected by U.S. federal law under the Privacy Act of 1974. [VENDOR NAME] will not share your information with anyone other than authorized persons at CMS, except as required by law. [VENDOR NAME] will not share your individual survey with any of your health care providers. **You do not have to participate in this survey. Your help is voluntary, and your decision to participate or not to participate will not affect your Medicare benefits in any way.**

If you have any questions about the survey, please call the [VENDOR NAME] toll-free at [VENDOR NUMBER], between 9:00 am to 6:00 pm [VENDOR TIME ZONE], Monday through Friday. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

[SIGNED BY SENIOR LEADER AT VENDOR ORGANIZATION]

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