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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2008

FROM: Director
Financial Services Group
Office of Financial Management

SUBJECT: Medicare Secondary Payer -- Workers' Compensation -- INFORMATION

TO: Consortium Administrators for Financial Management and Fee-for-Service Operations

The purpose of this memorandum is to include policy regarding the exclusive use of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Table 1 (All American Table) when determining life expectancy in Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Asides (WCMSA) proposals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will only accept life expectancies obtained from the CDC Table 1, "Life table for the total population."

Effective with WCMSA submissions received by CMS' Coordination of Benefits Contract on or after July 1, 2008, CMS will only accept life expectancies obtained from the CDC Table 1, "Life table for the total population." The CMS will only use the CDC Table 1 in its WCMSA review process.

Please direct questions or concerns to Frank Johnson of my staff at (410) 786-2892.

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