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General Comment

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2017 Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements (CMS-10261; OMB control number: 0938-1054).

Reporting Measure: Payments to Providers

Comment: Our provider directory is constantly changing. For purposes of this measure, what would the "as of date" be? For instance, for 17.6, would the total number of Medicare Advantage contracted providers be the number of contracted providers as of the first day of the reporting period (1/1/16) or the last day of the reporting period (12/31/16)?

Comment: Are the data elements 17.7 through 17.9 subsets of data elements 17.2 through 17.4, or are they exclusive? For instance, would the amount declared in 17.2 (Total Medicare Advantage payment made on a fee-for-service basis with no link to quality) include payments made to contracted providers paid on a fee-for service with no link to quality? Or would payments to providers paid on a fee-for-service basis with no link to quality be excluded from 17.2 and only reported under 17.7?

Reporting Measure: Sponsor Oversight of Agents

Comment: We agree with the decision to suspend the Sponsor Oversight of Agents measure.