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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Section 1876 Cost, and Medicare-Medicaid Plan Organizations

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SUBJECT: Proposed Collection for Updated 2020 Program Audit Protocols - 30-Day Comment Period

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for sponsoring organizations and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests and other supporting data collection instruments. The updates to this package are based on comments received during the 60-day comment period that closed October 15, 2019.

The 30-day notice for the proposed Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests (CMS-10191; OMB control number: 0938-1000) is published at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/27/2019-27926/agency-information-collection-activities-submission-for-omb-review-comment-request>. Comments must be received by January 27, 2020, electronically or by mail per the instructions in the notice. The supporting statement and related forms for the proposed collection summarized in this notice are available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing> under CMS Form Number CMS-10191.

Upon OMB approval, CMS will make the aforementioned protocols available on the program audit website located at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Compliance-and-Audits/Part-C-and-Part-D-Compliance-and-Audits/ProgramAudits.html>. CMS intends to begin using the approved protocols and sending routine program audit engagement letters to sponsoring organizations starting in March through July 2020.

In addition, CMS has updated its Program Audit Process Overview document to provide stakeholders with information about what to expect during a program audit. The 2020 version of this document is also posted on the program audit website.

For questions related to the program audit process, please contact the program audit mailbox at part_c_part_d_audit@cms.hhs.gov.