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Date: January 30, 2002
To: Medicare Managed Care Contractors
From: Gary Bailey /s/
Director
Re: **Discontinuation of Publication 69**

Publication 69 is a monthly Medicare and Medicaid report that contains the names of physicians, practitioners, vendors and other persons or organizations that are excluded from providing professional Medicare covered services to Medicare and participants in other federal health care programs (i.e., the federal employees health benefits program). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) receives these lists monthly from the Office of Inspector General. CMS has distributed these reports in a printed and electronic version.

The Office of Financial Management plans to distribute the information contained in Publication 69 in the form of the Medicare Exclusion Database (MED). This information will be distributed to Medicare contractors, Medicaid State Program Integrity staff/Surveillance and Utilization Review staff and other agent of CMS.

CMS is currently requesting that you submit the names of two (2) individuals, a technical contact and a business contact for a secure distribution list for the MED. The technical contact will serve as the primary point of contact for the receipt of the MED from CMS. The business contact will serve as the point of contact within the M+C organization for dissemination to the appropriate individuals within their organization.

Please provide this information to DeLano T. Washington of my staff who is serving as the central office contact person. Del can be reached via e-mail at dWASHINGTON1@cms.hhs.gov. If you prefer you may telephone him at (410) 786-9283.

Thank you for your cooperation.