



**Center for Beneficiary Choices**

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To: Medicare+Choice Organizations

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Subject: Change of the Acronym "PRO" to "QIO" in Plan Marketing Materials

On May 24, a Federal Register Notice was published which changed the name of the CMS Peer Review Organizations (PRO) to Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO).

We have received questions from Medicare+Choice organizations (M+COs) regarding the process for changing these acronyms in approved documents such as the NODMAR or the notice for SNF continued stay denials. M+COs are not required to re-submit these previously approved documents to the Regional Offices (RO) for review where the only change is the update from PRO to QIO. Please send your RO a copy of the revised document(s) to keep their files current. Thank you