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Dear State Medicaid Director:

We are planning to add a new Medicaid feature to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Home Page that may be of interest to you. States soon will have Internet access to summary information of the different types of Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) programs operated by States nationwide. HCFA's Website (<http://www.hcfa.gov>) will contain a description of MEQC projects such as focused studies, special reviews, or program surveys conducted by States under either a pilot or a section 1115 waiver. We believe this information will be a valuable resource for States and other parties interested in the innovative methods many States are using to reduce erroneous expenditures and to improve the administration of their Medicaid program. We also hope it will foster better communication as States exchange project information and experiences obtained from operation alternative MEQC programs.

Maintaining the accuracy and timeliness of project information is essential to make this Website successful. To that end, I have asked Denny Sexton from HCFA's Seattle Regional Office to periodically contact the MEQC managers in those States with alternative MEQC programs. Denny is the project officer for this activity and is being assisted by staff from the National Association for Program Information and Performance Measurement (formerly the National Association of Human Services Quality Control Directors). One of them will be calling your MEQC managers in the near future. I would appreciate your support of this effort to provide this new service.

We will notify all States when this information is available and will encourage you to visit our Website at this time. Thank you.

Sincerely

/s/

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