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To all Medicare-Participating Hospitals:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) joins your Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) in encouraging you to utilize the secure QualityNet Exchange Web site to exchange files with your QIO. **QualityNet (QNet) Exchange is the only CMS-approved method for the electronic transmission of private data between healthcare providers and QIOs.**

All files exchanged with your QIO via QNet Exchange are encrypted (scrambled) before they leave the sender's computer, safeguarding all patient-level data from unintended recipients. All files are stored in this encrypted format until they are decrypted (unscrambled) at the time they are downloaded by the recipient.

The QNet Exchange Web site meets and exceeds all current HIPPA requirements and has passed rigorous security testing by an external penetration company. We are confident that you will be pleased with the ease and speed at which files can be exchanged securely and instantly with your QIO.

Please contact your QIO for further information on how your hospital can participate in QualityNet Exchange.

Sincerely,

Dennis Stricker