



January 4, 2017

Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation (Q Corp)  
c/o Cindi McElhaney  
c/o Steve Merryman  
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Dear Cindi and Steve,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to inform you the evidence submitted by the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation (Q Corp) and its partner OnPoint Health Data (Onpoint) for **Phase 2 (Data Security)** has met the minimum requirements to be **Compliant** under the Qualified Entity Certification Program (QECF). The QECF team found all 50 primary data security controls for the Data Security Review to be “Fully Satisfied.” A copy of your QECF Data Security Compliance Summary Report is enclosed for your records, as well as a flow diagram of next steps and responsibilities.

With this Phase 2 approval, Q Corp’s new vendor, Onpoint, is permitted to receive Q Corp’s Medicare Fee-For-Service (FSS) data. We understand that Q Corp is currently considering various options for the data transfer from Milliman to Onpoint and will inform QECF staff as to which option they intend to proceed with when that decision is made. Before proceeding with any data transfer, QECF staff will need to provide Q Corp with specific, detailed instructions.

Please also note that the vendor switch from Milliman to Onpoint may impact Q Corp’s Phase 3 compliance, as Q Corp used Milliman’s capabilities to demonstrate their experience combining claims data (Element 2B, under Phase 3). CMS and the QECF team will look into this issue further and follow up with Q Corp regarding next steps to resolve this potential Element 2B/Phase 3 non-compliance issue.

For questions about the QECF program and its requirements, consult the QECF Operations Manual [https://www.qemedicaredata.org/QECF\\_Docs/QECF\\_30Sept2016\\_OperationsManual.pdf](https://www.qemedicaredata.org/QECF_Docs/QECF_30Sept2016_OperationsManual.pdf). Additionally, staff are available to assist with specific questions or concerns at the QECF Helpdesk at [support@QEMedicareData.org](mailto:support@QEMedicareData.org).

Thank you for your interest and continued participation in the QECF!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Shatto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Shatto" clearly distinguishable.

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Enclosed:  
Next Steps and Responsibilities for Qualified Entities  
Q Corp's Data Security Compliance Summary Report

## QECP Application Process Overview

