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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
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SUBJECT: Grant Solicitation for the Reinvestment of Federal Civil Money Penalty (CMP)
Funds to Benefit Nursing Home Residents

Memorandum Summary

- **Grant Solicitation for the Reinvestment of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Funds to Benefit Nursing Home Residents:** As part of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is soliciting proposals for a grant opportunity in which Federal CMP Funds will be utilized to support and further expand the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes.
- **Funds:** A total of \$500,000 for FY2014-2015 will be available for a three year period of performance. Funding will be awarded in 12 month budget periods.
- **Terms:** Further information about this new initiative may be accessed at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Background

The CMS is inviting proposals for consideration to use federal CMP funds for a federal grant opportunity to support and further expand the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes. Federal law provides for the collection and use of CMP funds imposed by CMS when nursing homes do not meet the Medicare Requirements for Participation. The *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* established that 90 percent of the federal portion of CMP funds be used to support activities that benefit nursing home residents, including projects that assure quality care within nursing homes.

In March 2012, CMS launched the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes to minimize the use of antipsychotic medications in individuals with dementia in the nursing home setting. This National Partnership is aimed at improving the quality of care provided to nursing home individuals by delivering services that are person-centered, comprehensive and interdisciplinary. Proposed projects should directly benefit nursing home residents, build on the existing work of the National Partnership, and provide innovative and

unique strategies for the safe reduction of antipsychotic medications for individuals with dementia.

Information about the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes can be accessed at: http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/star_index.aspx?controls=dementiaCare

Program Components

Projects considered for this funding opportunity must directly benefit Nursing Home residents. Implementation tasks will vary, but could include for example:

- Active resident, family and provider engagement, including training, education and outreach.
- Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement initiatives.
- Active Ombudsman, consumer and resident representative engagement.
- Testing and evaluating resident specific approaches involving person-centered dementia care, including, for example, consistent staff assignments.

Applicants must consider current CMP state activities and other Partnership activities being implemented and clearly articulate how this activity will enhance and build on, not supplant current activities and be implemented with a regional and/or national scope.

When CMP funds are requested for educational purposes, the organization involved must also include the following: anticipated number of attendees; target audience; timeline for implementation and plan and sustainability.

Funding

CMS anticipates total funding of each project to be at a minimum of \$60,000. The anticipated active period of performance for these grants will be no more than three years, and we anticipate there will be up to three awards given under this solicitation. Total funding available for this initiative is \$500,000 (additional awards may be made if funds are available.) Funding will be awarded in 12-month budget periods.

Additional Information

Applicants should submit an email of intent to Fed_CMPGrant@cms.hhs.gov for the proposal to be considered. The email of intent should include the following items and be received by the date specified on the grant solicitation:

- Name, location and brief description of the application organization; and
- One to two sentence description of the proposed project and scope.

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Contact: To apply for this federal grant opportunity, visit <http://www.grants.gov/>. For questions, contact the CMP Mailbox at Fed_CMPGrant@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately.

/s/

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management