



Office of Financial Management/Financial Services Group

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**Opportunity to Comment on CMS' Plans for Implementing
the Medicare Secondary Payer Mandatory Reporting Provisions in
Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007**
(See 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(7)&(b)(8))

Ongoing informal opportunity:

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may implement Section 111, notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, by program instruction or otherwise. The Secretary has elected to implement this provision by publishing instructions at a website established for such purpose. However, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to provide an opportunity for public comment as it moves forward with its implementation efforts.

Consequently, CMS has established the following e-mail address for comments:

PL110-173SEC111-comments@cms.hhs.gov

- Documents posted on the CMS' website for implementation information for Section 111 (www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/) will include some documents in "draft" to encourage comment before such documents are finalized.
- Please make the title in the subject line of your comments as specific as possible (example: GHP data elements). Specificity will allow CMS to sort and address incoming e-mails more readily.
- If you have multiple issues, splitting your issues into multiple e-mails will again allow CMS to sort and address incoming issues more readily.
- Comments will be acknowledged through an automated reply but will not receive individualized responses. This e-mail address will allow CMS to receive the widest input possible. CMS will use the comments received, in part, in evaluating pending instructions and deciding if there are additional issues that CMS should address on the website containing instructions for Section 111 (www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/).

Note: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, CMS published a Federal Register (FR) Notice summarizing the proposed information collection for Section 111. You can find a link for or download information for this FR Notice at www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/. If you wish to submit official comments on the proposed information collection for Section 111, you must submit such comments in the form, manner, and timeframe specified in the FR Notice.