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SUBJECT: Migration of the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) to the System for Award Management (SAM)

Section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish screening procedures for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers and suppliers and to determine the level of screening to be conducted according to the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to the category of provider or supplier. Federal regulations at 42 CFR part 455 Subpart E, published in February 2011, implemented these requirements including a regulatory provision at section 455.436 mandating that state Medicaid agencies check the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) no less frequently than monthly for providers and for any person with an ownership or control interest or who is an agent or managing employee of the provider.

The EPLS database has been migrated into the System for Award Management (SAM), so state Medicaid agencies should begin using the SAM database. Please see the website located at <https://www.epls.gov/epls/jsp/News.jsp> for assistance in accessing the database in its new location.

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