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Dear Medicare Physician,

As you may know, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (also known as MACRA) requires Medicare to collect data on post-operative visits following procedures with 10- and 90-day global periods. As part of Medicare's data collection effort, physicians in nine select states have been asked to start reporting post-operative visits using claims codes. In all other states, physicians will participate in a survey to collect information on 5 select post-operative visits. Physician participation in Medicare's data collection efforts is extremely important in order to collect data that is representative across specialties, procedures, geography, and practice settings.

CMS has contracted with RAND, a non-profit research organization, to develop and conduct the survey to collect information about the activities, staff, resources, and time involved in post-operative visits, as well as the non-face-to-face services that happen around visits. The data collected through the survey will help CMS understand the full range of physician work and resources that are involved in furnishing post-operative care.

You have been randomly selected to participate in this survey because you perform a certain volume of procedures with 10- and 90-day global periods. The information that you and other physicians provide through the survey will be used to update the payment rates that you receive from Medicare for procedures with global periods.

We recognize that participating in the survey will entail an investment of time and effort on your part and on the part of your staff. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important data collection activity.

Sincerely,

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