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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2012 7:18 AM  
**Subject:** CMS Nursing Facility Initiative information regarding California

You are receiving this email because you submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) to the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents with California listed as a primary, secondary, or tertiary target location to implement a proposed intervention.

As you know, applicants must include a letter(s) from the State Medicaid director and Medicaid survey and certification director expressing support for the application and agreeing to engage in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) upon selection. States may, at their discretion, offer support to multiple applicants or none at all.

California has determined that many aspects of the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents overlap with CA's Implementation Demonstration proposal for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries, and therefore the State is not supporting applications under this Initiative.

We are communicating this information to provide organizations with as much notice as possible to alter their proposals, or to prevent individuals from engaging in unnecessary activities. Regardless of an organization's ability to participate in this CMS Initiative, we appreciate your interest and encourage individuals to continue in their efforts to identify and implement programs that can reduce avoidable hospitalizations among the nursing facility population. While we hope to learn and share information about successful interventions from those participating in this Initiative, successful interventions performed by those who are not can also provide valuable information, and we will continue to look for opportunities to leverage those practices as well. Together, we can expedite the provision of enhanced care to this population.

Additionally, please continue to monitor the below website for updates on this Initiative, and other opportunities to partner with us in helping to serve Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/index.html>

Thank you,

Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office  
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