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To: Chief Information Officers

CC: Case Mix Liaisons

From: Claudine Williams, Associate Director of Policy Analysis 

Re: Clarification on FY 2017 Data Submission Requirements for July 2016 data submitted in August 2016.

This memo is to clarify the HSCRC's expectation related to submitting July 2016 data (due in August 2016) and the errors related to transitioning from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

As indicated in a memo dated May 20, 2016, the FY 2017 Data Submission Requirements changes will be effective for July and August 2016 data submitted on September 15, 2016. Due to the differed effective date, St. Paul will not have error reports using the new requirements available for data submitted on August 15th.

If hospitals choose to apply the FY2017 changes to the July 2017 data submitted in August, HSCRC will accept data submissions that exceed the 10% error threshold if the majority (more than 50%) of errors are related to the new categories or variables, as hospitals will not be able to assess the "true" error rate for this submission.

Once the FY2017 changes are in effect for the September 15th submission, HSCRC will not accept data submissions that exceed the 10% error rate, regardless of whether the errors are related to the new categories of variables.

If you have any questions regarding the data or the error rate threshold, please contact Claudine Williams (claudine.williams@maryland.gov) or Oscar Ibarra (oscar.ibarra@maryland.gov).