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SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Ambulatory Surgical Center Healthcare-Associated Infection (ASC-HAI) Prevention Initiative – Extension of Grant Performance Period/Award of Supplementary Grant Funds.

Dear Mr. Danner:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is extending the grant performance period for the Recovery Act grants that your State was awarded to conduct surveys of ASCs as part of CMS' ASC-HAI initiative. You also have requested a supplemental grant of \$25,714.00, in order to complete your remaining FY 2010 work in FY 2011 and/or to conduct additional surveys in FY2011. Your request has been reviewed and approved. Additionally, because your State falls within Budget Allocation Tool (BAT) quintile 1 or 2, you are also being awarded a supplemental grant of \$34,000, to be applied toward your FY2011 ASC survey workload of targeted surveys of 25% of the non-deemed ASCs in your State. Your final Recovery Act grant total is \$182,065.00. These funds are being made available to you at this time. The performance period for this total grant is extended from September 30, 2010 to March 31, 2011. Admin-Info Memorandum 10-31, dated August 17, 2010, explains the cost-accounting and Recovery Act reporting procedures to be followed in connection with your use of these supplemental Recovery Act funds.

As outlined in Admin Info Memorandum 10-31, States that have not completed their entire FY2010 ASC workload by September 30th are still required to complete this work. Recovery Act grant funding may be used to cover the costs of FY2010 ASC survey work completed in FY2011. In addition, States that complete their FY2010 workload but have unexpended Recovery Act funds may use these funds to conduct ASC surveys in FY2011 in accordance with applicable CMS survey and certification memoranda.

The FY2010 ASC survey workload for the first recertification visits must be completed no later than December 31st. Associated revisits must be completed by March 31, 2011 in order to be funded by Recovery Act grants. It should be noted that if your State has not completed its FY2010 ASC recertification workload by September 30th, all ASCs surveys completed through December 31st will be counted toward your State's FY2010 performance requirements, with the exception of validation surveys, until the FY2010 workload has been completed.

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If you have any questions about this extended grant performance period, please contact Angela Mason-Elbert at angela.mason-elbert@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you for your continued participation in this national effort to reduce healthcare-associated infections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas E. Hamilton
Director

C: CMS Regional Office