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Dear «Title» «LastName»:

In consideration of budget challenges and the need to continue to reduce and/or simplify administrative requirements, AHCCCS is re-evaluating current encounter data validation studies and activities. Effective immediately, AHCCCS is halting all open encounter data validation studies and activities except those related to Contract Year Ending (CYE) 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010) Claim-to-Encounter Comparisons. The CYE 2010 Comparison Study for all Contractors will continue and be placed on a fast track for completion.

Meanwhile, to timely evaluate encounter data completeness, accuracy and timeliness, AHCCCS staff will evaluate and develop new data validation processes and activities that we anticipate will be less resource intensive for Contractors, more relevant to current activities, more timely, and still in compliance with AHCCCS' Waiver and CMS' objectives. As if capitation rate and Performance Measure calculations aren't enough incentive to submit all of your encounter data, the forthcoming maximum profit/loss reconciliation effective CYE 2012, means complete encounter data will be more important than ever. (Remember that you receive a file from us quarterly containing all your adjudicated encounter data that you should be comparing to your paid claims to ensure that all encounters are submitted.)

As these processes and activities are developed additional information will be forwarded to all Contractors. Additionally, as always, I am interested in any input you may have regarding future data validation activities. Please email me any suggestions you would like us to consider.

If you questions regarding this letter, please contact Brent Ratterree at (602) 417-4571 or brent.ratterree@azahcccs.gov.

Sincerely,

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