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**CMS Affirms Advent Advisory Group's 2015 Benefit Year Initial Validation
Audit (IVA) Results**

Results from Pilot Year IVA Utilized to Calculate Projected Error Rates

NORTHPORT, NY (September 18, 2017) - Advent Advisory Group, the nation's leading healthcare compliance audit firm and an Initial Validation Audit (IVA) entity, received confirmation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that, "there was sufficient agreement between Advent and SVA results, that Advent's Benefit Year 2015 IVA results have been utilized to calculate projected error rates."

In a letter dated September 6, 2017 from CMS, Advent's error rates by HIOS ID were highlighted from the 2015 benefit year pilot IVA process. "This proves that Advent's unique IVA approach works. We exclusively use in-house resources to conduct these audit projects, including the coding for the health status validation." Not only was our certified coding team able to achieve a 95% Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) during the pilot year, we now have confirmation that our findings comport with CMS' Secondary Validation Auditor" said Advent CEO Jean Vertefeuille. "This underscores, once again, that Advent has the experience, expertise, and resources to participate in a pilot year CMS audit program and succeed with our clients."

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conduct, organizational independence, and data security and privacy. Our staff have been conducting data validation audits for over twenty-five years, with experience and knowledge second to none.

To learn more about Advent's IVA program or to request a proposal, please contact Heather Case, Director of Business Development, at (703) 485-1313 or hcase@adventadvisorygroup.com

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