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ADVENT ADVISORY GROUP LAUNCHES INDEPENDENT AUDITOR VALIDATION SERVICE

New Offering Validates Effectiveness of CMS Corrective Action Plans

NORTHPORT, NY - ADVENT ADVISORY GROUP, one of the nation's leading HEDIS® Compliance and Medicare Data Validation auditing firms, announces new Independent Auditor (IA) Validation services to ensure Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans have effectively implemented corrective action plans issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

In accordance with a CMS updated memorandum published November 15, 2015, sponsoring organizations found to have deficiencies identified during a CMS full or partial program audit are required to hire an independent auditor to validate the correction of those deficiencies.

“Advent’s new IA Validation Audit service is a natural extension of our growing line of audit services, said Advent CEO Jean Vertefeuille. “CMS requires IA firms to have extensive subject matter expertise in Medicare Part C and Part D as well as compliance reviews, which are two of our core strengths. We have been conducting Medicare Data Validation reviews since CMS first required audited data in this area in 2011 and have audited thousands of measure submissions for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Employer Group Part D Plans and Medicare-Medicaid Plans nationwide.”

Advent is an NCQA-licensed Compliance Audit Organization with over 20 years of data validation experience, a firm commitment to audit best practices and strict adherence to the highest standards of professional responsibility, codes of conduct, organizational independence, and data security and privacy.

Advent has the expertise to evaluate your organization’s corrections and compliance with CMS requirements in all areas under the scope of the program audit, including

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enrollment, pharmacy benefit manager operations and management, grievances, coverage determinations, appeals, claims processing, and contract compliance. As outlined by CMS, Advent's IA team will:

- Review the CMS findings on areas of deficiency
- Coordinate with CMS on developing an approved work plan and validation approach
- Review a records sample for each area of deficiency to ensure compliance
- Provide a validation report to the CMS

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

About Advent Advisory Group

Founded in 2007, Advent is an industry-leading provider of HEDIS® Compliance Audits, Medicare Part C and Part D Data Validation, Medicare Advantage Star Ratings support, Initial Validation Audits, Medicare Data Validation Pre-Assessment Consulting and other healthcare quality, compliance and data validation services. From its inception, the firm has earned a reputation for technical expertise, the partnerships it forges with clients and the efficiencies it builds into audit processes. Advent's services help clients measure, validate and report accurate and reliable data to achieve continuous improvement in care quality, health outcomes and financial performance. For more information, visit www.adventadvisorygroup.com.

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