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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 20, 2008

**FROM:** Director  
Financial Services Group  
Office of Financial Management

**SUBJECT:** Medicare Secondary Payer -- Workers' Compensation -- INFORMATION

**TO:** Consortium Administrators for Financial Management and Fee-for-Service Operations

The purpose of this memorandum is to include policy regarding the exclusive use of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Table 1 (All American Table) when determining life expectancy in Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Asides (WCMSA) proposals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will only accept life expectancies obtained from the CDC Table 1, "Life table for the total population."

Effective with WCMSA submissions received by CMS' Coordination of Benefits Contract on or after July 1, 2008, CMS will only accept life expectancies obtained from the CDC Table 1, "Life table for the total population." The CMS will only use the CDC Table 1 in its WCMSA review process.

Please direct questions or concerns to Frank Johnson of my staff at (410) 786-2892.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gerald Walters

cc:  
Charlotte Foster, ARA, DFMFFSO