



TRICAST, Inc. Prepares for Looming Medicare Parts C & D Data Validation

CMS Requirements Effective Calendar Year 2010

Milwaukee, WI (January 28, 2010) – [TRICAST, Inc.](#) announces it has devised a solution for data validation in light of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decision to require MA-PD and PDP plans to monitor their Medicare Part C and D programs. The new Part C and D Data Validation requirements are effective for calendar year 2010.

Plan sponsors need to begin the process of selecting a Data Validation Contractor and assessing their Q1 2011 budgets when DVR reporting begins. An independent look at the organization's state of readiness will help guide next steps for plan sponsors.

A DVR from TRICAST provides plan sponsors with a first step review of:

- Budget support for recommended actions including a high/low dollar range with associated assumptions and calculations.
- Gap analysis of policies and procedures.
- Gap analysis of required data.
- Recommendations on completing the Organizational Assessment Instrument (OAI).
- Strategy call to walk-through findings and recommendations, including vendor selection strategy, or referrals, where desired.

TRICAST offers a low cost / low impact approach to understanding what will be required, including:

- Review existing documentation.
- Facilitate one or two day on-site "mini-workshops" with key staff to familiarize them with the new requirements while TRICAST analysts gather information.
- Compare each plan sponsor's unique information against each regulation to identify the gaps in data and policy.
- Summarize findings and recommendations and present them in a strategy call.

Predictable costs, quality and outcomes are what plan sponsors can expect from TRICAST, including:

- Experienced staff with the strongest data experience in the industry that uniquely qualifies TRICAST to help scope the impact of the new regulations on an organization.
- Independent analysis provides an unbiased view of a plan sponsor's state of readiness.
- Budget range and methodology makes planning simpler.

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About TRICAST, Inc.

TRICAST, Inc., founded in Milwaukee in 1997, uses pharmaceutical and medical claims analysis for benchmarking, audits and risk analysis for health benefit plan sponsors. The company also provides timely reporting on vendor performance, allowing opportunities for decisive responses. The net result is better program oversight, as well as lowered plan costs and risk exposure.

TRICAST delivers data-driven cost control solutions every day. As a leading next-generation health information business, TRICAST offers programs, products and applications for the healthcare industry that assist risk entities controlling overall healthcare costs with a specific focus on pharmaceutical benefits. Please visit www.tricast.com to learn more.

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