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TO: Alabama Hospitals: Administrators, Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Staff, Medical Records, Chief of Staff, Compliance Officer, PPS Contact

FROM: H. Terrell Lindsey
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Payment Error Prevention Video

- I. This Memorandum provides you with a copy of the Payment Error Prevention (PEPP) General Introduction Video produced by the Texas Medical Foundation, in their role as the Payment Error Prevention Support PRO, under a contract with the Health Care Financing Administration. (Video was included in the PRO/Hospital Point of Contact mailing.)
- II. PEPP is a national effort to reduce the overall inpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS) payment error rate and to protect Medicare Trust Funds. This video is intended to function as a national standardized introduction to PEPP. It has been distributed to PROs for them to forward it to all acute-care providers to educate administrative staff, compliance officers, medical staff, and other parties affected by PEPP. The enclosed video is being provided at no charge.
- III. A second video for physician education on their roles and responsibilities as related to PEPP, is currently under production by the Texas Medical Foundation. It is expected to be released to PROs in January 2000. This video should be available to acute care providers at the 16th Annual Robert G. Sherrill Conference at the Richard M. Scrushy Conference Center in Birmingham on February 24th and 25th, 2000.
- IV. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum or the video, please contact Pat Burgess, AQAF PEPP Project Manager, at 205-970-1600, extension 3222 or via E-mail at alpro.pburgess@sdps.org.

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