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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2808

**SUBJECT: Discontinue Use of the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) for Provider Enrollment Only**

Contractors must discontinue reviewing all names and entities listed on the application (or obtained through the use of the executive summary) against the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank as required in the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Transmittal 41, Section 16.2 – Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

The last 3 years of experience using the HIPDB has demonstrated that it is not cost effective and duplicates other required efforts. More specifically, the same information is obtained using the Qualifier.net program (via the Choicepoint contract), the Medicare Exclusion Database, and/or the GSA Debarment List, all of which are required to be used by contractors in the provider enrollment process. These sources adequately ensure that only qualified and eligible individuals and entities are enrolled in the Medicare program and continued use of HIPDB is therefore not necessary.

This PM has no impact on HIPDB use for Benefit Integrity and Medical Review.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 30, 2003.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is August 15, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after July 30, 2004.**

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