

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Beneficiary Choices
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-22-04
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



CENTERS FOR BENEFICIARY CHOICES

DATE: October 17, 2007

TO: All Part D Sponsors

FROM: Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D., Director, Medicare Drug Benefit Group

RE: Posting of Information on Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) Sponsors that Are Non-Renewing or Undergoing a Service Area Reduction (SAR) for 2008

Effective January 2008 a few Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) are either non-renewing their contract with CMS or undergoing a Service Area Reduction (SAR). In 2008 the majority of these non-renewals/SARs are PDP plan sponsors that offered their products to individual Medicare beneficiaries in 2007, but in 2008 these sponsors will only offer their PDP products to employer groups. These are considered SARs because the drug plan sponsor will continue to have a PDP contract with CMS but is reducing or eliminating the service area in which its products will be available for individual Medicare beneficiaries.

A table listing these PDP has been posted on the CMS website at www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/ and is also attached. This table provides information about these PDPs including the contract name, the contract number, the state(s) in which the plan will no longer be offered, and the number of beneficiaries currently enrolled in the plan.

If you have questions about PDPs that are either non-renewing their contract with CMS or undergoing a SAR, please contact Rochel Schnur at 410-786-4691 or rochel.schnur@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you.