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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Extension of May 31 Deadline for 2007 Prescription Drug Event data

Part D Sponsors have recently inquired about the approaching deadline for submitting Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data for the 2007 Part D Payment Reconciliation. Sponsors have mentioned that submission of data to support the 2006 Part D Payment Reconciliation re-openings have hindered their ability to complete all error corrections on their 2007 PDE data.

To give plans additional time to submit and correct 2007 PDE data, CMS will extend the May 31st submission deadline from May 31, 2008 to July 30, 2008. This extension applies to all PDEs, regardless of the reason for submission or resubmission. Accurate payment reconciliation depends on complete and accurate PDE data. In the interest of accurate payment reconciliation, CMS encourages sponsors to take full advantage of the additional submission time to complete their data submissions.

CMS would like to emphasize that participation in Part D requires maintaining data submission and error correction processes for multiple payment years. CMS recognizes that plans continue to evolve processes in response to the Part D operational environment, and that CMS has recently provided additional data to assist plans in managing their PDE processes. Moving forward, plans need to be cognizant of the need to submit, correct, and resubmit data on a timely basis so that deadlines may be met and all payment reconciliations can be conducted in a timely manner.