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To: All Part D Plans
Chief Financial Officers
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Subject: Service Provider ID Edits for Prescription Drug Event Data.

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Effective September 25, 2007 CMS by-passed edit 783. Edit 783 is intended to confirm that the pharmacy that dispensed the prescription was active on the date of service. The pharmacy effective date information CMS currently has is not sufficiently accurate to support this edit. CMS continues to study the data to determine if there is means to derive accurate effective dates for this edit.

In addition, CMS has determined that some pharmacies are inappropriately receiving edit 781, service provider ID is not on master provider file. CMS is working to restore the missing service provider IDs and will release a notice through CSSC Operations when the fix is completed.