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**Memorandum to:** All Part D Sponsors

**Subject:** Release of the Final Prescription Drug Benefit Manual Chapter 14 – Coordination of Benefits

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

CMS is pleased to release the final chapter for the Prescription Drug Benefit Manual regarding coordination of benefits (COB). CMS considered each of the comments we received on the draft COB Guidance initially released on June 22, 2006. This chapter provides clarifications to 2005 policy guidance, describes updated systems and processes related to COB, and explains new COB policy and requirements for 2007. In addition to these changes, this chapter includes new appendices that contain a model COB survey and address the applicability of the Part D COB requirements to PACE organizations. If you have any questions regarding this chapter please contact Deborah Larwood at (410) 786-9500 or [deborah.larwood@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:deborah.larwood@cms.hhs.gov) or Christine Hinds at (410) 786-4578 or [christine.hinds@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:christine.hinds@cms.hhs.gov).