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## **CENTER FOR BENEFICIARY CHOICES**

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**June 26, 2006**

**Memorandum To:** All Part D Sponsors

**Subject:** Q&A Addressing Drug Costs Reported On Prescription Drug Events (PDEs)

**From:** Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

On June 22nd, CMS issued guidance allowing any Part D organization that misunderstood CMS's policy with respect to drug costs reported on prescription drug events the opportunity to amend their bid, provided the Part D organization demonstrates how the Q&A conflicts with its prior understandings. We specified in the memo that the request for amending bids for this purpose must be received via email at [actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov) by Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. EDT and must include the basis of the original bid submission and how the Q&A alters the bid development.

This note is to apprise you that the deadline for Part D organizations to submit requests to update bids as a result of any misunderstandings of CMS policy has been extended. We will apprise you in further communications as to the cut-off date for resubmitting bid for this purpose. For now, please disregard the June 27<sup>th</sup> deadline.

If you have questions, please contact Meghan Elrington at (410) 786-8675.