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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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**SUBJECT:** Recent System Changes Affecting MARx User Interface, Transaction Reply Report (TRR), and Monthly Membership Report (MMR)

The following MARx UI system changes have been completed and are in production:

- Beneficiary Detail: Snapshot (M203) Display - beneficiary information that previously received an intermittent error when retrieving this data will no longer receive an error.
- Beneficiary Detail: Status (M205) Out of Area will now reflect correct information; Status was not previously reflected in the UI correctly for all beneficiaries.
- Beneficiary Detail: Status (M205) Display Segment# as all zeroes rather than spaces for Plans not using segmentation.

The following system changes have been completed and are in production; these affect MARx Weekly/Monthly Transaction Reply Reports and Data Files:

- The Part D Low Income multiplier on the MMR has been corrected. Prior to this software change, Plans may have seen the multiplier as two orders of magnitude smaller than the actual value, for example. 1.05 was reported as .0105.
- Monthly and Weekly TRRs have been modified to always include the prior PBP number.

- The Employer Subsidy Override flag will now work correctly when plans use this to correct transactions with TRC127. If Plans have transactions pending in their system for this TRC, they should resubmit them now, following the retro file submission procedures as needed.
- Plans can submit ICEP and IEP enrollment transactions with application dates up to 90 days prior to the effective date of enrollment (please consult the CMS Enrollment guidance applicable to your plan type for a discussion of the effective date of enrollment for ICEP/IEP enrollment requests). These transactions will no longer be rejected with TRC105. The effective date may not be earlier than the first of the month of Part D eligibility.
- TRR Field 22 - Transaction Date has been modified to reflect the transaction **processing** date for the specific TR code on the transaction. For example, for a TRC 023, field 22 will reflect the date the transaction was processed rather than the date the Name Change (TRC023) was effective. In this case, field 18 - Effective Date will reflect the date the change is effective. Exceptions to this logic are State/County changes (085) and Date of Birth changes (089). Field 22 for these TRCs does not reflect the transaction processing date and will be corrected with a future system update.
- TRR Field 18 - Effective date will be populated for additional TRCs. See attached file layout for specifics.
- TRR Field 24 will reflect the Low-Income Premium Subsidy Change date when the TRC is 167 and will reflect the Low-Income Cost Sharing Subsidy Change Date when TRC 168 is present.

Attached is the updated layout for the Weekly/Monthly TRR Data File.

Questions regarding these changes should be directed to the MMA Help Desk on (800) 927-8069 or e-mail [MMAHelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MMAHelp@cms.hhs.gov).