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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: State-to-Plan Reconciliation: Testing Update and Revised Timeline

This letter is intended to provide Part D Plan Sponsors (and their PBM/Processors) with updated information on State-to-Plan Reconciliation testing and to provide a revised production timeline.

As of February 13th a total of eight PBMs covering 245 of the 670 Part D contracts have received test files from PCG. As some modifications from the standard were required in order to receive the intended data from the states, PCG is now in the process of mapping the non-standard data to the standard NCPCP 1.1 and 5.1 formats. As a result of the initial test files, many PBMs have provided meaningful feedback as to field and format changes required for their systems. Many of these changes identified by the original eight PBMs affect all test files. Therefore, PCG has stopped the release of test files until these changes can be made. This delay is necessary but will result in more manageable data in future test files.

Originally, all tests and the signing of the Attestation of System Readiness document were to be completed by February 15, 2007. Due to various delays in the process, ***we are extending that deadline to March 15, 2007 for completion of the test process.***

In addition, to date, no PBMs have claimed 121 Part D contract numbers as their responsibility for processing the claims received. A listing of these contract numbers and their names are provided at the end of this document. Please review this list carefully for the name of your PDP. If any of your contracts are still on this list, please immediately follow the instructions below:

Plan Sponsors:

1. Contact your PBM/processor and provide all PDP plan codes (H codes and S codes) for all covered plans, and/or
2. Contact your PBM/processor and ask them to contact Nicole Lisk (nlisk@pcgus.com) on your behalf, and
3. Ensure your PBM/processor has the instructions listed below:

Note: CMS and PCG are requesting that when possible all communication and collaboration with PCG be facilitated through each Part D plan’s processor/PBM since the volume of requests from individual PDPs is further delaying the process of finalizing testing these claims in a timely manner.

PBMs/Processors:

1. Modify your claims processing system. Configure your system to identify the value “MEDDSTTOPY” in the NCPDP field 110-AK: *Software Vendor/Certification ID* to indicate the special Medicare Part D reconciliation process, thus avoiding a duplicate reimbursement to the pharmacy.
2. Provide PCG with the following information:
 - Contact person and contact information.
 - Preference for claims submission: NCPDP 1.1 (batch) or 5.1 (real-time) format.
 - Earliest date of availability to receive a test file for claims submission.
3. Provide PCG with all the plan names and all corresponding H-codes (and S-codes) that your PBM covers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicole Lisk at nlisk@pcgus.com.

PBMs have not contacted PCG on behalf of the following contracts:

H0104 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
H0251 UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc.
H0408 United HealthCare Insurance Company
H0410 United HealthCare Insurance Company
H0542 AltaMed Senior BuenaCare
H0613 Total Longterm Care, Inc.
H1286 SecureHorizons
H1689 Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc.
H1714 Via Christi HOPE
H1850 Windsor Medicare Extra
H2109 Hopkins Elderplus
H2174 Trillium Advantage
H2218 Harbor Health Elder Service Plan
H2219 Fallon Community Health Plan - Summit ElderCare
H2220 Uphams Corner Health Committee, Inc.
H2221 Elder Svc Pln/Cambridge Health Alliance
H2222 Elder Service Plan of the North Shore
H2223 Elder Svc Pln/E Boston Health Center
H2237 iCare
H2318 Henry Ford Health System
H2609 Alexian Brothers Community Services
H2699 Life at Home, LLC
H3164 AmeriChoice Personal Care Plus
H3321 Independent Living Srvcs Of Central Ny
H3322 Senior Care Connection, Inc.

H3333 Today's Option
H3387 AmeriChoice Personal Care Plus
H3435 United HealthCare Insurance Company
H3613 Concordia Care
H3614 Trihealth Seniorlink
H3809 Providence ElderPlace Portland
H3887 SecureHorizons
H3908 Trustees Of The University Of Pennsylvania
H3917 Community LIFE
H3918 LIFE Pittsburgh
H3919 St Agnes LIFE
H3925 Senior LIFE Johnstown, Inc.
H4005 Triple-S, Inc.
H4012 Triple-S, Inc.
H4203 Palmetto Health Alliance
H4402 Alexian Brothers Community Services
H4517 Amarillo Multisvc Ctr For The Aging Inc
H4518 Bienvivir Senior Health Services
H4527 PHYSICIANS HEALTH CHOICE
H4720 SecureHorizons
H4779 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H5007 Providence Health System
H5304 Empire BlueCross BlueShield
H5405 Center For Elders Independence
H5406 Sutter SeniorCare
H5407 Citrus Health Care, Inc.
H5410 Leon Medical Centers Health, Inc.
H5421 Today's Option
H5539 Golden Advantage Plus
H5549 VNS CHOICE Select
H5554 Healthy Generations
H5577 Red Med
H5591 Martin's Point Generations Advantage
H5602 STERLING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (PA)
H5609 GEMCARE Health Plan
H5610 Care Resources
H5611 American Pioneer Health Plans
H5649 Central Health Medicare Plan
H5656 TexasFirst Health Plans
H5679 Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield
H5756 Delaware Physicians Care Advantage
H5782 Partnership HealthPlan of California
H5822 Midland CARE Services
H5826 Community HealthFirst Medicare Advantage Plan
H5849 Arkansas Blue Cross - Medi-Pak Advantage
H5862 Blue Cross Of Idaho Hlth Services Inc

H5880 Volunteer State Health Plan
H5884 BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
H5949 Senior Whole Health of Connecticut
H5989 Comprehensive Care Management Corp.
H5991 Affinity Health Plan
H5992 Senior Whole Health of New York
H6717 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H6934 UAHC Gold Plus
H7065 Wisconsin Personal Care Plan
H7187 SecureHorizons
H7226 HARVARD PILGRIM HEALTH CARE INC.
H7254 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H7274 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H8000 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H8742 Today's Health
H9103 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the NW
H9136 Medicare Ultra
H9385 SCAN Health Plan Arizona
H9418 UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY
H9519 Independent Health
S0654 IBT VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST
S1030 BlueRx
S2332 NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
S2505 Windsor Rx
S2868 CARPENTER'S HEALTH & WELFARE TRUST FUND OF STL
S4167 HARRIS CORPORATION
S4744 MO DOT & MSHP MEDICAL AND LIFE INS PLAN
S4877 Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de PR, COSVI
S5907 Triple-S
S6875 QCC INS CO D/B/A AMERIHEALTH INS CO
S7848 OKLAHOMA STATE & EDUCATION EMP GRP INSURANCE BOARD
S7950 SAMAscript
S8201 UPMC Health Plan
S8277 Carolina Medicare Prime
S8475 QUALITY HEALTH PLANS