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

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SUBJECT: Advance Announcement of the August 2016 Software Release

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the enrollment and payment systems that support Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug (MAPD) programs. This letter provides information regarding the planned release of systems changes scheduled for August 2016. This release focuses on improving the efficiency of CMS systems as well as Plan processing.

The August 2016 Release changes will include the following:

1. [Report Changes – Plan Payment and Monthly Membership Summary Reports](#)
2. [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Division of Health Plan Innovation Models](#)
3. [New Enrollment Source Code for Rollover](#)
4. [Elimination of Overpayment Edits](#)

1. Report Changes – Plan Payment and Monthly Membership Summary Reports

The layouts for two payment reports are changing to eliminate the potential for truncation of dollar amounts. First, the record length of the Plan Payment Report (PPR) data file is being expanded from 200 to 250 characters. These changes will appear beginning with the September 2016 payment's PPR scheduled for distribution on August 24, 2016.

Similarly, the record length of the Monthly Membership Summary Report (MMSR) data file is being expanded from 201 to 220 characters. These changes will appear beginning with the October 2016 payment's MMSR scheduled for distribution on September 22, 2016.

2. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Division of Health Plan Innovation Models

In this release, enhancements are being made in MARx to support the CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Division of Health Plan Innovation's (HPI) Enhanced Medication Therapy Management (Enhanced MTM) and Medicare Advantage Value Based Insurance Design (MA-VBID) enrollment and payment model tests. The Enhanced MTM and MA-VBID model tests will become effective in January 2017. Reporting and MARx UI screen changes will appear after the August 2016 release, although the screens will not populate data until January 2017.

Plans will be required to use a new Transaction Code (TC) distinctive to an Enhanced MTM/MA-VBID enrollment. Also, new Transaction Reply Codes (TRCs) will be developed to provide Plans with a status of the enrollment.

For the Enhanced MTM model only, a Per Member Per Month (PMPM) dollar amount will be added into calculating the beneficiary's Part D payment beginning January 2017 and the Monthly Membership Detail Report (MMDR) will include new fields to reflect the Enhanced MTM payment data.

3. New Enrollment Source Code for Rollover

A new enrollment source code and election type code will be added to MARx that will be used when Plans submit rollover transactions. Rollover transactions will be submitted with both of these codes together, using the Plan Rollover (POVER) special batch file. New TRCs are also being created to facilitate this change. The new codes will allow CMS to track Plan-submitted rollover transactions.

4. Elimination of Overpayment Edits

Changes will be made to the Risk Adjustment Processing System/Risk Adjustment System (RAPS/RAS) to eliminate all edits specific to Overpayment (OPMT) files and overpayment-related edits in production (PROD) files. Although organizations will still be required to obtain a Remedy ticket number, they will no longer be required to include the Remedy ticket number on

the file when submitting overpayment diagnosis deletes. In addition, organizations will be able to delete diagnoses through a routine production risk adjustment file submission to RAPS, and will not have to create an OPMT file for submission. Updated guidance for ‘Submission of the Overpayments’ will be communicated through a separate HPMS memo.

Plans are encouraged to contact the MAPD Help Desk for any issues encountered during the systems update process. Please direct any questions or concerns to the MAPD Help Desk at 1-800-927-8069 or e-mail at mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov.