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**SUBJECT: Changes to The Implementation Schedule for The MARx Redesign &
Modernization (R&M) Release**

To ensure the availability of adequate resources in support of the implementation of the MARx R&M enhancements, CMS is adjusting the release schedule from April 18, 2011 to May 3, 2011.

Please note the following revised schedule in preparation for the transition to the new MARx operating environment:

4/22	Last occurrence of Monthly TRR available
4/27	Last day for Plan submission, using the Pre-R&M format
4/29	Last occurrence of the weekly TRR in Pre-R&M Format
4/28 – 5/01	CMS will not accept any data from Plan users
5/03	Go live date is targeted
5/13	Updated Plan Data Due Date (cut-off) for June Payment
5/23 (COB)	June Monthly Payment Reports (new format) available

Attached is a revised Plan R&M Implementation Schedule which replaces Table 45 in the MARx User Interface (UI) Handbook originally published on March 17, 2011. Please note the revised Plan Data Due Date (systems cut-off for June payment) of May 13, 2011.

Please direct questions to the MAPD Help Desk by email to: mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov or by calling 1-800-927-8069. Plans may also contact the R&M Project Team by email to: R_M_Projects@cms.hhs.gov.

Plan R&M Schedule (Table 45) – MARx User Interface Handbook
Table Updated 04/06/2011

Important dates for Plan submission and R&M Implementation			
Date	Action	Time [EST]	Description
February 9th	Plan User Call: Last Weds of month	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
February 23rd	Plan User Call: Last Weds of month	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
March 30th	Plan User Call: Last Weds of month	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
March 30th	Webinar: for Plan Training	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
April 4th	IACS: Plan Users begin registration for UI Update role	8 a.m.	
April 8th	Plan Data Due for May 2011 CPM	8 p.m.	May Payment
April 22nd	Last Monthly TRR Monthly Payment Reports available	8 a.m.	May Payment
April 27th	Last day for Plan data submission: Pre-R&M file format	8 p.m.	June Payment
April 28th – May 2nd	R&M Implementation – MARx Unavailable for CMS/Plan users		
April 29th	Weekly Reports will be available. This will be the last occurrence of the Weekly TRR.	12 noon (approx)	
May 3rd	First day for Plans to submit data using R&M file format	8 a.m.	June Payment, CCM-3 to CCM+3 begins.
May 13th	Plan Data Date Due (Cutoff for June 2011 CPM)	8 p.m.	June Payment
May 23rd	1) Monthly Payment Reports available: R&M file format. 2) First Failed Payment Reply Report available	COB	June Payment