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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Industry Update Regarding Implementation of the Medicare Part D Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program

DATE: April 12, 2012

Pursuant to authority granted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under §6411(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and 1893(h) of the Social Security Act, CMS is moving forward with establishing an operational Medicare Part D Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program. To that end, we have contracted with ACLR Strategic Business Solutions (ACLR) to perform the Part D RAC function under careful guidance established by CMS.

The Part D RAC is initially reviewing Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) associated with excluded prescribing providers, excluded pharmacies and duplicate payments within a Sponsoring Organization. In the future, ACLR will review additional issues. We will keep you apprised of future audit areas.

Although Part D RAC activities may not impact your organization for a few months, we want you to be aware that you may be contacted by ACLR in the future should further information be required to complete an assessment.

We understand your desire for more information. As such, CMS has created a website to communicate important information about the Part D RAC program, <http://www.cms.gov/recovery-audit-program-parts-c-and-d/>.

This memo is part of a series of communications about the Part D RAC program that will keep sponsoring organizations informed about RAC implementation progress. Please email us at the **PartD\_RACCommunications@cms.hhs.gov** if you have questions about the Part D RAC program.