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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: End-Stage-Renal-Disease Coverage Data Clean-up and Special Transaction Reply Report

A clean-up is underway to correct the End-Stage-Renal Disease (ESRD) coverage dates that resulted in payment issues in 2011. It will result in changes to ESRD period dates and adjusted payments for affected plans, as described in the *Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System May 2012 Payment letter* dated April 30, 2012. Adjustments due to the clean-up will be included in the June payment with corresponding adjustments noted on the Monthly Membership Report with Adjustment Reason Code 42 and the unique identifier 2182A.

Affected organizations will receive information in a special Transaction Reply Report (TRR) on Sunday, May 13, 2012. If applicable to a given organization, the special TRR will be populated with the following Transaction Reply Codes (TRC):

TRC	Description
073	ESRD Status Set
074	ESRD Status Terminated
135	Beneficiary Has Started Dialysis
136	Beneficiary Has Ended Dialysis Treatment
137	Beneficiary Has Received a Kidney Transplant
270	Beneficiary Transplant has Ended

Please review the data in the special TRR and ensure your records are updated accordingly. Organizations with no ESRD updates due to this clean-up will not receive the special TRR.

The May 13th special TRR will have the following naming convention:

Gentran or TIBCO mailbox:

P.Rxxxxx.SPCLTRD.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst

Connect:Direct (Mainframe):

zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.SPLCTRD.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst

Connect:Direct (Non-Mainframe):

[directory]Rxxxxx.SPLCTRD.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst

Organizations will receive their normal daily TRRs on Saturday (May 12th), and early Tuesday morning (May 15th), as is standard during the weekend following the plan-data-due-date. Thank you for your attention. Please direct questions to the MAPD Help Desk at mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-927-8069.