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SUBJECT: **Week-at-a-Glance February 1st through February 8th**

The Week-at-a-Glance memo describes the cleanups that CMS is preparing to process along with regularly scheduled replies to MAO/PDPs submitted Transaction Files over the next two weeks. The focus of each cleanup is described below.

MAO/PDPs should also be aware that all information is approximate and subject to change. The MMA Help Desk will communicate any changes to the schedule that occur after this memo is published.

This document will cover:

- Future Enhancements May 2009
  - RAS Final Yearly MOR Report and BCSS name change
- February 2009 MARx System Improvements
  - Erroneous TRC 197
  - Erroneous Effective Date for TRC 091
- Submitting a Second IEP Election
- Scheduled Weekly MARx Data cleanups

Future Enhancements May 2009:

RAS Final Yearly MOR Report and BCSS name change

The naming conventions for the Risk Adjustment System (RAS) Final Yearly Model Output Reports (MORs) and Data Files as well as the Batch Completion Status Summary (BCSS) Data File will be redefined. These changes are scheduled for implementation as of May 10, 2009 and will affect Plan exchanges with CMS for the June 2009 payment month. This programming change will allow MARx end users to order the Yearly MOR and BCSS file multiple times.

The RAS MORs reports and data files will now include a timestamp and follow the standard naming conventions outlined below:

RAS Final Yearly Model Output Report, Part C:
P.Rxxxxx.HCCMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss.pn (GENTRAN)
zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.HCCMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Mainframe)
[directory]Rxxxxx.HCCMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Non Mainframe)

RAS Final Yearly Model Output Data File, Part C:
P.Rxxxxx.HCCMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss.pn (GENTRAN
zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.HCCMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Mainframe)
[directory]Rxxxxx.HCCMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Non Mainframe)

RAS Final Yearly Model Output Report, Part D:
P.Rxxxxx.PTDMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss.pn (GENTRAN)
zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.PTDMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Mainframe)
[directory]Rxxxxx.PTDMOFR.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Non Mainframe)

RAS Final Yearly Model Output Data File, Part D:
P.Rxxxxx.PTDMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss.pn (GENTRAN)
zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.PTDMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Mainframe)
[directory]Rxxxxx.PTDMOFD.Yeeee.Cvvvvv.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Non Mainframe)

where:
"xxxxx" = 5 character Contract ID
"eeee" = Year for which final yearly RAS file was produced
"vvvvv" = Sequence counter for final yearly RAS files
"hhmmss" = hours, minutes and seconds of the day the report is created

The Batch Completion Status Summary (BCSS) data file will now include a timestamp and follow the standard naming convention outlined below:

Batch Completion Status Summary Data File (BCSS)
P.uuuu.BATCHSTD.Annnnn.Bnnnnn.Thhmmss.pn (GENTRAN)
zzzzzzzz.uuuu.BATCHSTD.Annnnn.Bnnnnn.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Mainframe)
[directory]uuuu.BATCHSTD.Annnnn.Bnnnnn.Thhmmss (Connect Direct – Non Mainframe)

where:
"uuuu" = batch submitter's user ID
"Annnnn" and "Bnnnnn" = Batch ID split into two nodes
"hhmmss" = hours, minutes and seconds of the day the report is created

February 2009 MARx System Improvements

On or about February 8th, 2009, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will implement routine enrollment improvements to the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MARx) system. These changes will help MA/PD sponsors better facilitate Enrollment Reconciliation and transaction processing through means of the Batch Completion Status Report (BCSS) and Weekly/ Monthly Transaction Reply Report (TRR). The programming enhancements will begin to report correct data on the February 15th, 2009 TRR.

Erroneous TRC 197 when a beneficiary's Date of Death is established:

This improvement affects MARx processed transactions for a beneficiary when he/she has established a Date of Death. Previous to February 8th, 2009, the Transaction Reply Report populated the disenrollment under the category of "Loss of Part D" (TRC 197) rather than the appropriate category that represents "Date of Death Establish" (TRC 090). This enhancement will correctly communicate the appropriate Transaction Reply Code when the Date of Death has been updated within MARx.

Erroneous effective dates populated to the TRR for TRC 091 (Date of Death Removed):

Prior to February 8th, 2009, if a MA/PD sponsor received a TRC 091 stating the Date of Death has been removed for a beneficiary, the Transaction Reply Report (TRR) would populate the "processing date" MARx received the transaction. This erroneous date would be displayed within the Effective Date field (Field 18) and the Date of Death field (Field 24) of the TRR. Beginning with the February 15th, 2009 TRR, MA/PD sponsors with receive the correct/actual Date of Death in the Effective Date field and the Date of Death field of the TRR.

Submitting a "Second IEP for Part D" Election for Beneficiaries Initially eligible for PART D Prior to Age 65

Per the CMS enrollment guidance, individuals eligible for Medicare prior to age 65 may have another Part D IEP upon attaining age 65. However, the MARx system currently can accept one Part D IEP (election type code "E") and will reject subsequent IEP enrollments (election type code "E").

CMS is providing the following interim guidance to address this issue until a permanent resolution is in place later this year. For beneficiaries eligible for Medicare prior to age 65 who are eligible for another IEP for Part D upon attainment of age 65, MA/PDP sponsors who have received valid enrollment requests applicable to this enrollment period shall submit the second IEP for Part D event using the correct enrollment transaction type and the election type code "X" in the Election Type Field (Field 9). All organizations and sponsors must ensure they have complete documentation in their records that supports the appropriate use of this temporary work-around.

Scheduled Weekly MARx Data Cleanups

Sunday, February 1, 2009

At this time, **no cleanups are scheduled** for inclusion on the February 1st regular weekly TRR. The file will follow the standard naming convention:

> Gentran mailbox:
> P.Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090201.Thhmmsst.pn

> Connect:Direct (Mainframe):
> zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090201.Thhmmsst

> Connect:Direct (Non-Mainframe):
> [directory]Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090201.Thhmmsst

Sunday, February 8, 2009

At this time, **<u>no cleanups are scheduled</u>** for inclusion on the February 8th regular weekly TRR. The file will follow the standard naming convention:

<u>Gentran mailbox:</u>
P.Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090208.Thhmmsst.pn

<u>Connect:Direct (Mainframe):</u>
zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090208.Thhmmsst

<u>Connect:Direct (Non-Mainframe):</u>
[directory]Rxxxxx.TRWEEKR.D090208.Thhmmsst

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