

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending January 2, 2009

Title: CPC Organizational Announcement

Date: 12/31/08

Summary: Teresa DeCaro, the Acting Director of the Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group (MCAG), in the Center for Drug and Health Plan Choices, is on assignment with the Department of Veterans Health Affairs until March 23, 2009. In her absence Lou Polise is the Acting Director of MCAG, and Jerry Mulcahy is the Acting Deputy Director of MCAG.

Title: Final Medicare Part D Reporting Requirements for Contract Year (CY) 2009

Date: 12/31/08

Summary: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that the Part D Reporting Requirements for Contract Year (CY) 2009 are posted at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugContra/08_RxContracting_ReportingOversight.asp#TopOfPage. This version is considered final and is effective January 1, 2008.

Title: Instructions for Submitting Payment Disputes to the Independent Review Entity for Private-Fee-for-Service Plans

Date: 1/2/09

Summary: On November 25, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released an HPMS memorandum announcing First Coast Service Options Inc. (FCSO) as an Independent Review Entity to adjudicate payment disputes between deemed and non-contracted Private Fee-For-Service (PFFS) providers and Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations offering PFFS plans.