

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending December 26, 2008

Title: AMENDED: CMS Offices Closed on January 1, 2009 and Reporting of Emergency/Non Technical Part D Issues

Date: 12/22/08

Summary: Similar to last year, CMS is setting up a Part D operations monitoring program for January 1, 2009. Non-technical significant/emergency issues should be reported to drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov, and then followed up with an email or phone call to the CMS Account Manager as soon as possible thereafter.

Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) January 2009 Payment - INFORMATION

Date: 12/23/08

Summary: This letter provides information related to the January 2009 payment scheduled for January 2, 2009.

Title: 2009 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Program Agent and Broker Compensation Structures

Date: 12/24/08

Summary: To ensure that Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) sponsors are in compliance with the November 14, 2008 regulation concerning agent and broker compensation, and the guidance CMS provided on November 10, 2008, we required organizations to certify and submit compensation structures paid in years 2006 through 2008 and compensation structures that will be used for 2009.