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DATE: March 11, 2010
TO: All Part D Sponsors
FROM: Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D., Director, Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group
RE: Draft Version of 2011 Model Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

Attached is the draft Model Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for CY 2011.

We have significantly revised the EOB for 2011. While the content essentially remains the same, the overall structure has changed to provide members clear information as to which coverage phase they are in, as well as other plan coverage information in a beneficiary-friendly format. The current draft has been consumer-tested with positive results. We strongly believe that the final product will better serve the needs of our Medicare population than prior models.

We request that you review and comment on the attached model and exhibits keeping in mind CMS' objective to eventually standardize the EOB. Please send your comments in the attached template with subject line "EOB" to PartDBenefitImpl@cms.hhs.gov no later than March 31, 2010.

We look forward to continued collaboration with you in our endeavor to standardize the EOB. If you have additional questions regarding this draft, you may contact Christine Hinds at (410)786-4578 or christine.hinds@cms.hhs.gov.