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**DATE:** January 29, 2010

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

**FROM:** Thomas Hutchinson /s/  
Director

**SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) February 2010 Payment – INFORMATION**

This letter provides information regarding the February 2010 payment scheduled for receipt on February 1, 2010, as well as other payment process reminders.

Extension of Plan Data Due Cut-Off Time

Effective March 12 (the Plan Data Due date for April 2010 payment) and ongoing, the deadline for submitting transactions will be extended from 6:00PM eastern time until 8:00PM eastern time. This will provide our partner organizations in U.S. time zones on the West coast with additional time during regular business hours to submit their data. A revised MARx Monthly Schedule will be posted with the new 8:00PM deadline for each Plan Data Due Date.

Please note that the deadline for submittal of RETRO files is **not** changing. It remains noon on the Wednesday before the Plan Data Due date.

Change in MSP Process

The contract-level MSP adjustment will no longer appear on the plan payment reports starting with the January reports. As previously communicated, the MSP adjustment will convert to a beneficiary-level process and appear on the Monthly Membership Report. These changes are scheduled for implementation with the July 1, 2010 reports created at the end of June.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please feel free to contact your Division of Payment Operations (DPO) representative per the attached list. Thank you.

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