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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, 1876 Cost, and Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: Plan Preview of Combined Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder and Medicare Options Compare Tools on Medicare.gov

This memorandum gives notice that CMS is combining the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder and the Medicare Options Compare tools on Medicare.gov into one easy to use tool. This redesigned tool will provide Medicare beneficiaries with one central point to view and compare all available drug and health plan choices. The “Medicare Plan Finder” will maintain all the functionality of the existing tools, but with a simplified display of important plan data that includes embedded links to review comprehensive plan benefit information. Similarly the primary workflow has also been simplified with an updated look and feel in keeping with the redesigned Medicare.gov homepage.

The new Medicare Plan Finder tool will be available at the end of June. Plans will have an opportunity to preview the new features using the HPMS Bene Education Data Preview Module from June 4-7, 2010. The following variables will NOT have data displayed for the June preview:

- Monthly Plan Premium
- Plan Level Deductible
- Prescription Drug Covered?
- Choice of Doctors?

No action is required by plans during this preview. The annual timeline and instructions for previewing plan benefit information for display in the CY 2011 Medicare Plan Finder on Medicare.gov will be sent out in a separate memo in August.

If you have any comments or questions about the streamlined Cost Share Summary during your preview, please send them to compchart@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you.