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**TO:** All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage Organization and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

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**SUBJECT:** Timeline for Rebate Reallocation and De Minimis

On August 18, 2010, CMS plans to release the Part D Base Beneficiary Premium, the Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, the Part D Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts and the Medicare Advantage Regional Benchmarks, as well as the De Minimis policy. Plans will have until 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to complete rebate reallocation and inform CMS of their intent to participate in the voluntary de minimis program. Plans will find the release on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvgtgSpecRateStats/RSD/> at the link to “2011.”

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