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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Submitter Testing and Re-certification
for 2011

As stated in the July 9, 2010 guidance “Revised Guidance for Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Record Changes Required to Close the Coverage Gap,” CMS requires all submitters of PDE data to re-complete the PDE submission testing and certification process. The testing and certification window will be from November 22, 2010 until December 30, 2010.

Part D Sponsors and their PDE submitters should note that CMS has augmented the test/certification process with additional test cases related to the coverage gap discount program. Most PDE submitters will be required to pass coverage gap discount test cases 01 - 08, in addition to having an 80% file acceptance rate in order to pass the certification process. Part D sponsors and their submitters should review the revised DDPS Certification Testing Protocol posted on the CSSC Operations website, csscoperations.com, for specifics on the new test/certification requirements for submitting files in 2011.

Please forward questions regarding this guidance to CSSC Operations at csscoperations@palmettogba.com.