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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Ohio

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SUBJECT: Updated Information Regarding CY 2014 Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) Submissions  
by Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) in Ohio

Since Ohio's Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration is expected to begin enrollment on May 1, 2014, and Ohio Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) may begin marketing on April 1, 2014, this memorandum provides updated information on the required resumption of CY 2014 biweekly drug pricing data submissions for display in the Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) tool on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). In our July 24, 2013 HPMS memorandum, "Information Regarding CY 2014 Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) Submissions by Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs)," CMS announced a delay of the biweekly data pricing submissions for MMPs with contract effective dates in 2014. Having data displayed on the MPF is important because it allows beneficiaries to compare available plans based on the expected costs and coverage of their drugs.

MMPs in Ohio may now submit CY 2014 drug pricing files at any time, and we recommend that they use the March 3-4, 2014 submission window as an additional practice opportunity for quality assurance review by CMS. However, MMPs in Ohio must submit drug pricing files no later than the **March 17-18, 2014** Plan Finder Pricing Data Submission Window. This timing will be sufficient to ensure there are no issues with these submissions prior to the April 2014 display of pricing data on MPF. We encourage earlier submission so that plans can resolve any issues that would result in suppression of drug pricing on MPF starting in April 2014. Plans should use the March 3-4, 2014 submission window as an additional practice opportunity for quality assurance review by CMS.

For more information about the pricing file requirements, please refer to the CY 2014 Pricing Data Guidelines located at: [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/RxContracting\\_FormularyGuidance.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/RxContracting_FormularyGuidance.html) in the download called "2014 Pricing Data Guidelines and Calendar (V04.30.13)." Organizations may also contact the DRx help desk for additional information. DRx's help desk information is [plancompare@drx.com](mailto:plancompare@drx.com) or 888-203-8497. The DRx help desk is available between the hours of 8:30AM and 6:30PM ET.