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SUBJECT: Posting of Plan Benefit and Premium Data on www.cms.gov

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that we have published approved plan benefit and premium data on the CMS public website. These new data files are available via the “Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Contract and Enrollment Data” section at the following URL: http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/MCRAAdvPartDENrolData/index.html?redirect=/MCRAAdvPartDENrolData/01_Overview.asp. Additionally, these data files can be downloaded via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) using the following navigation path: Data Extract Facility > Plan Bids > PBP Benefits Extract; and Data Extract Facility > Plan Bids > Premium Extract.

While these data are currently available for download via Medicare Plan Finder, CMS recognizes that the current format is not conducive to analytic or operational needs. Instead, the new data files present the Plan Benefit Package (PBP) data elements and the premium data in a tab-delimited text format. A PBP data dictionary has also been provided to describe the PBP data variables.

Note: The approved plan benefit file does **not** include PBP note fields or Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) data.

These files will be updated on a quarterly basis, with the next update in August 2014. Please note that only **approved** plan benefit and premium data will be available via these files.

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