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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: October 22, 2014

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

FROM: Cheri Rice
Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) November 2014 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the November payment, which is scheduled for receipt on October 31, 2014, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

2013 Final Part D Annual Reconciliation

The final Part D reconciliation for 2013 is included in the November payment. The payment adjustments are displayed on the Plan Payment Reports (PPRs) as Special CMS Adjustments with the type of PRS.

Medicare Medicaid Demonstration Plan (MMP) Payment Adjustments

The November payment includes adjustments resulting from CMS correcting an error in the method for computing the monthly MMP quality withhold adjustment. Previously, we did not take retroactive payment adjustments into account when calculating the MMP quality withhold adjustment. We corrected this error and recalculated the withhold adjustments computed between November 2013 and October 2014. Plans will see two special CMS adjustment lines on the PPRs: one for the November quality withhold adjustment, and another for the adjustments computed between November 2013 and October 2014. The adjustment type is MQW.

2015 MARx Operating Calendar

The MARx operating calendar has been completed and is attached to this letter. Please note that the “Plan Data Due” dates in February, August, November, and December occur early in the month.

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JANUARY 2015

- 1 New Year's Day (Observed)
- 2 JANUARY Payment Due Plan
- 4 Certification of Enrollment for November 20, 2014 Report
- 9 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. (Holiday)
- 22 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 30 FEBRUARY Payment Due Plan

FEBRUARY 2015

- FEBRUARY Payment Due Plan - JANUARY 30
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for December 19, 2014 Report
- 6 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 16 Washington's Birthday (Observed)
- 19 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 27 MARCH Payment Due Plan

MARCH 2015

- MARCH Payment Due Plan-FEBRUARY 27
- 8 Certification of Enrollment for January 22, 2015 Report
- 13 PLAN DATA DUE (8 pm Eastern Time)
- 24 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

APRIL 2015

- 1 APRIL Payment Due Plan
- 5 Certification of Enrollment for February 19, 2015 report
- 10 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 22 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

MAY 2015

- 1 MAY Payment Due Plan
- 8 Certification of Enrollment for March 24, 2015 report
- 8 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 21 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 25 Memorial Day (Holiday)

JUNE 2015

- 1 JUNE Payment Due Plan
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for April 22, 2015 report
- 12 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

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JULY 2015

- 1 JULY Payment Due Plan
- 3 Independence Day (Holiday)
- 5 Certification of Enrollment for May 21, 2015 report
- 10 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 31 August Payment Due Plan

AUGUST 2015

- AUGUST Payment Due Plan- July 31
- 7 Certification of Enrollment for June 23, 2015 report
- 7 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 24 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 SEPTEMBER Payment Due Plan
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for July 23, 2015 report
- 25 Labor Day (Holiday)
- 11 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

OCTOBER 2015

- 1 OCTOBER Payment Due Plan
- 8 Certification of Enrollment for August 24, 2015 report
- 9 PLAN DATA DUE(8pm Eastern Time)
- 12 Columbus Day (Observed)
- 15 Annual Enrollment Period Begins
- 22 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 30 NOVEMBER Payment Due Plan

NOVEMBER 2015

- NOVEMBER Payment Due Plan – October 30
- 6 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 7 Certification of Enrollment for September 23, 2015 report
- 11 Veterans Day (Observed)
- 20 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 26 Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)

DECEMBER 2015

- 1 DECEMBER Payment Due Plan
- 4 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for October 22, 2015
- 7 Annual Election Period Ends
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 25 Christmas Day (Holiday)
- January 1, 2016 – New Year’s Day (Holiday)
- January 4 - JANUARY 2016 Payment Due Plan
- January 8, 2016– PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)

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