

HPMS E-Mail

Date: **October 10, 2014**

Subject: **Proposed Prior Authorization Form for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice
(Comments due December 2, 2014)**

This is to notify all Medicare Part D plans and Medicare Hospice Providers that on October 3, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an opportunity to comment on CMS-10538 (Prior Authorization Form for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice). In response to CMS' recent guidance, industry commenters recommended that we require the use of a standard PA form to facilitate coordination between Part D sponsors, hospices and prescribers. The industry, in conjunction with the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), has developed a standard form that with minor modifications will meet the program needs. The revised format is now published in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements.

To view the PRA notice and instructions for submitted comments please see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-03/pdf/2014-23613.pdf>.

To view the draft form and supporting documents please visit <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>. The comment period ends at midnight on December 2, 2014.