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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
FROM: Gary Bailey, Deputy Director for Plan Policy and Operations
RE: January Prescription Drug Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
DATE: January 27, 2006

To ensure the accuracy of information, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans are permitted to send the first Explanation of Benefits (EOB) document to members during the month of March 2006. If a plan chooses to send the first EOB to members during the month of March, the EOB must reflect any activity for the months of January and February. In addition, plans must send an EOB extension notice during the month of February for all members who utilized the prescription drug benefit during the month of January.

Plans can submit the following model EOB extension language without modification under File and Use Certification or submit their own notice language for a 45-day review.

“Our systems show that you have used your prescription drug benefit during the last month. Generally, we will send you an explanation of benefits (EOB) for any month you use your benefit during the following month. However, for this first month, we are postponing the EOB to ensure its accuracy. Any amount you and/or others on your behalf paid for drugs, including a detailed list of all claims submitted, will be included in the next explanation of benefits we will send you.”

Plans choosing to send the first EOB to members during the month of March must submit the model EOB extension notice or their own notice under the following marketing material category and code:

- Category: Special Materials
- Code #: 7003 CMS Mandated Notifications
- Material ID (mandatory): CMSEOBEXT0106

Note: We are mandating the use of this particular material ID for customer service and reporting reasons.

Thank you for your cooperation in providing this valuable service to beneficiaries enrolling in the Medicare prescription drug coverage.