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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2006

To: Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plans

From: Abby Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Subject: 4Rx Data for New Enrollments - IMMEDIATE ACTION

CMS has processed, and continues to process, a large number of enrollments associated with the May 15 cutoff for the initial enrollment period for Part D. One result of this enrollment processing is a large gap between the amount of 4Rx data on file for plans and the current plan enrollment counts. It is critical that plans submit all 4Rx data for new enrollments before June 1 so that this data is available at the TrOOP facilitation contractor by June 1. This data is critical to supporting eligibility queries from pharmacies.

To assist plans in submitting missing 4Rx data, CMS is preparing a file of Part D enrollees for whom we lack 4Rx data. The file was created on May 23, and CMS will distribute the file on Wednesday, May 24. It is in the same format as all previous missing 4Rx files. Plans shall submit 4Rx data for all beneficiaries on this file no later than Friday, May 26.

In addition, plans should continue to review Batch Completion Status summaries/Transaction Reply Reports and submit 4Rx data for all enrollments that CMS accepts after May 23. This 4Rx data should be submitted prior to June 1.