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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: CY 2007 PBP Software Enhancement

The Contract Year (CY) 2007 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) software has been updated to enhance Sections C and Rx (Part D) available to many plan types.

We encourage all plans that utilize Sections C and Rx (Part D) to download the enhancement to improve usability, however **ONLY 1876 Cost plans are required to use the enhanced CY 2007 PBP Software**. The Health Plan Management System (HPMS) upload module will accept either version of the PBP from all plans EXCEPT the 1876 Cost plans.

1876 Cost plan PBP users and other PBP users wishing to utilize the enhancement should log into HPMS and select Plan Bids > Bid Submission > Contract Year 2007 > Download > PBP Enhancement and then download the appropriate file dictated by your situation as follows:

- PBP Users who have downloaded the CY 2007 PBP software: The enhancement is installed by downloading the PBP2007Update1.exe file into the directory where the PBP 2007 software is installed. See the PBP Enhancement Download page for complete instructions on how to install the enhancement.
- PBP Users who have NOT downloaded the CY 2007 PBP software: The enhancement is incorporated into the PBP Data Entry software download beginning on 4/20/2006; therefore, users who download the PBP Software AFTER 4/20/2006 do not need to install the enhancement.

The CY 2007 PBP enhancements are as follows:

Section C - Visitor/Travel Data Entry for 1876 Cost Plans:

- Section C U.S.-based Visitor/Travel screens and Foreign-based Visitor/Travel screens are now available for 1876 Cost plans to describe these benefits for CMS review and for the creation of language in the Summary of Benefits (SB).

Section C – Other, describe option:

- For users that have defined an “Other, describe” coinsurance coverage basis and/or the maximum plan benefit coverage basis for their Out Of Network groups, Point of Service groups, Cost Share Reduction groups, and/or Visitor/Travel groups, the software shall display an error message for users that have not entered a description in the corresponding Notes field.

Section Rx

- Tier labels may be copied from one tier type to another tier type. Tier label copying is designed as a tier-by-tier copy function (i.e., Tier 1 Pre-ICL copies to Tier 1 Gap and/or Tier 1 Post-OOP; Tier 2 Pre-ICL copies to Tier 2 Gap and/or Tier 2 Post-OOP, etc.) and can only be done one tier at a time. Besides copying the tier label, the copy function also copies the three subsequent fields: 1) Select drug type(s) in this Tier; 2) Tier Includes (Enhanced Alternative only); and 3) Specialty Tier. The “Tier Labels/Copy from” function is available on the menu bar.

Version Information:

PBP Version ID: 2007.01

PBP Version Date: 04/20/2006

Dictionary Date: 04/20/2006

SB DLL Version: SENT2007.00