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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

FROM: Gary Bailey, Deputy Director for Plan Policy and Operations

RE: Final 2007 Transition Guidance

DATE: April 4, 2006

The purpose of this notice is to share with Part D sponsors our final 2007 Transition Guidance. To ensure the smoothest possible transition for new plan enrollees stabilized on non-formulary medications while recognizing the viewpoints expressed by various stakeholders, we made a few modifications to the draft transition guidance that we posted for public comment earlier this year. As illustrated in the attached fact sheet, these changes are not substantial but do serve to provide greater clarity about plan transition process requirements for 2007.

Based on our experience with implementing the Part D benefit in 2006, the attached document establishes minimum standards for a Part D sponsor transition process. These minimum standards clearly identify the components of a successful transition process which go beyond simply providing a temporary supply of non-formulary drugs for a particular length of time.

We appreciate your continuing help with the implementation of Part D and look forward to your streamlining plan transition processes in 2007.