

Part C&D Weekly Bulletin

for the week ending May 19, 2006

Announcements:

Call Center Performance Update: As of Friday May 19th, 2 additional weeks of data have been added to the Call Center Performance Metrics module in HPMS. These weeks include the dates of 04/27/2006 to 05/03/2006 and 05/04/2006 to 05/10/2006.

Part D Reporting Requirements

Subject: Part D Reporting Requirements

File Name: FAQ2006PartDReportingRequirements_05.16.06.pdf

Summary: Plans should refer to this document as it contains important clarification on how various data elements should be calculated and reported to CMS. This document will also be published on CMS's website in the "Downloads" section of http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/08_RxContracting_ReportingOverview.aspx.

Part D Plan Enrollment

Subject: Plan Consolidation

File Name: QAPlanConsolidation_05.18.06.pdf

Question: How may PDP sponsors retain their CY2006 enrollees in CY2007 to the extent that they experience a net loss of plans in a particular region as a result of consolidation of existing plans resulting from either individual plan decisions or bid negotiations with CMS?

Part D Contracting (1)

Subject: Long Term Care Contracting

File Name: QALTCCContracting_05.19.06.pdf

Question: To what extent should Part D sponsors consider adopting contracting terms and conditions in their long-term care (LTC) pharmacy contracts that go beyond the performance and service criteria in CMS's March 2005 LTC Guidance?

EOB Transfer (1)

Subject: Clarification - Plan-to-Plan EOB Transfer

File Name: MemoClarifiedEOBTransfer_05.19.06.pdf

Summary: In the "Plan-to-Plan EOB Transfer Instructions" letter dated April 7, 2006, the format to be created when the number of records to be transmitted is 100 or more differed slightly from the format reflected in the Excel spreadsheet attached to that letter. The letter outlined the correct format (the excel spreadsheet was incorrect).

Marketing (1)

Subject: Draft Model Marketing Materials

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File Names: DraftModelLISSummarySheetWebLink.doc,
DraftModelAbridgedFormulary.doc, DraftModelANOC_PDP.doc,
DraftModelANOC_RollingOver.doc, DraftModelComprehensiveFormulary.doc, and
DraftModelTransitionNotificationLetter.doc

Summary: CMS is releasing six Part D draft model marketing materials for a one week public comment period. The documents include 2 formularies, 2 Annual Notice of Change letters, a model transition notice letter and a model LIS Premium summary sheet for the Web site. Plans are asked to submit their comments electronically to pdp.marketing.documents@cms.hhs.gov by Friday May 26, 2006.

TRR (1)

Subject: Special TRR Communications

File Name: TRROIS.pdf

Summary: Special TRR notification to Plans concerning the reprocessing of enrollment transactions (60, 61, 71) that had been held for TRC165; also included information on upcoming Payment Withhold TRRs.

MMA Help Desk (1)

Subject: Help Desk General FAQ Sheet 007

File Name: FAQOIS.pdf

Summary: General MMA systems FAQ sheet to all plans from the MMA Help Desk.

Conference (1)

Subject: CMS Compliance Conference

File Name: CompConf.pdf

Summary: The CMS will conduct a one day compliance conference for Medicare Advantage Plans, PACE providers, Prescription Drug Plans and CMS Contracted Employer Plans on August 28, 2006 at the CMS Central Office.

Plan Corrections (1)

Subject: Plan Correction Functionality

File Name: PlanCorr.pdf

Summary: CMS is closing the HPMS plan correction functionality for all Medicare Advantage, Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug and Prescription Drug Plans.

FAQ (1)

Subject: Prescription Drug Events

File Name: AllowCosts.pdf

Summary: This question and answer clarifies how drug costs must be reported on PDE's, particularly when a Part D Sponsor has contracted with a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM).