



Medicare Plan Payment Group

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TO: All Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans

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SUBJECT: Additional Payment for June Enrollments after May Cutoff

As you know, May 16 is the last day for plans to submit enrollments and be paid for those enrollments on June 1. As we have noted previously, we expect plans to make every effort to submit enrollments received by the May 16 deadline as soon as possible and in particular by this deadline. However, we expect certain applications may require additional information or processing prior to submission, which should also occur as quickly as possible. Recognizing this, and to promote submission of any remaining June enrollments expeditiously, CBC will make an additional “interim” payment for those enrollments received and processed between May 17 and May 24. The rapid processing of enrollments will facilitate the receipt of 4RX data and enrollment materials prior to June 1 for those who enroll close to May 16, helping to eliminate some of the beneficiary coverage issues that might otherwise occur with retroactive enrollment.

The Timeline

May 17 - May 24	Plans continue to submit June 1 enrollments
May 27	Weekly TRR to plans containing May 17-24 transactions
May 28	CMS begins interim payment calculation
June 12	Interim payments received by plans

Plans will receive the interim payment on or about June 12.

How This Interim Payment is Calculated and Later Reversed

The interim payment will be calculated by multiplying the number of successful enrollments received during the allotted time by the plan’s average 2006 payment amount for Part C and D as applicable. The payments will be sent from CMS to the plans and deposited into the same account as the normal monthly capitation payment.

During the July payment process CMS will reverse the interim payments so the plan will not be paid twice for the same members.

If you have any questions regarding this special interim payment please contact your Division of Payment Operations Representative from the attached listing. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to facilitate enrollment of your members during this critical time period. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this effort.

Attachment

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