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TO: All Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription Drug Plans, PACE Providers,
and CMS Contracted Employer Plans

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SUBJECT: CMS Compliance Conference

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a one day compliance conference for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans, PACE providers, Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) and CMS Contracted Employer Plans on August 28, 2006 at the CMS Central Office located at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. This conference will address:

- New MA and PDP compliance plan requirements for 2007
- The importance of organization determinations, reconsiderations and appeals processes to Medicare private plan programs
- The top-ten MA compliance failures and how organizations can remedy them.
- A case study of a serious compliance failure
- Performance metrics: How CMS is using Part C and Part D data to
 - profile the performance of Medicare managed care and Part D organizations
 - target audit and enforcement resources on low-performing health plans and sponsors
- The role of plan and account managers as the first line of defense in ensuring Part C and Part D compliance
- Compliance "dos and don'ts"
- CMS audit activity for Medicare private plans
- How risk assessment will impact all Medicare private plans
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Part D compliance plan requirements

Compliance officers or similar officials from each MA plan and PDP are urged to attend. An additional notice will be posted in early July detailing the registration procedures and the availability of conference materials. Space is limited so please register early. For those who cannot attend in person, we are attempting to make the conference available by an alternative electronic media. More details will follow shortly.