

Summary of HPMS Releases  
*For the week ending May 26, 2006*

**Announcements**

**Call Center Performance Update:** On Friday, May 26th, an additional week of data was added to the Call Center Performance Metrics module in HPMS. This week of data includes the dates of 05/11/2006 to 05/17/2006.

**Releases**

**Title: Medicare Advantage Audit Guide**

**Date:** May 23, 2006

**Summary:** An incorrect version of the MA Audit Guide Version 4 was posted on the HPMS website on May 10, 2006. The correct file will be uploaded to HPMS and will be available on Friday, May 26, 2006.

**Title: CY 2007 Medicare Marketing Guidelines Update**

**Date:** May 23, 2006 (materials): May 24, 2006 (correction to email address)

**Summary:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is issuing for a one week public comment period the draft, updated Medicare Marketing Guidelines for Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans (MA-PD), Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) and 1876 Cost Plans, last updated on November 1, 2005.

**Title: 4Rx Data for New Enrollments**

**Date:** May 23, 2006

**Summary:** CMS has processed, and continues to process, a large number of enrollments associated with the May 15 cutoff for the initial enrollment period for Part D. One result of this enrollment processing is a large gap between the amount of 4Rx data on file for plans and the current plan enrollment counts. It is critical that plans submit all 4Rx data for new enrollments before June 1 so that this data is available at the TrOOP facilitation contractor by June 1. This data is critical to supporting eligibility queries from pharmacies.

**Title: Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan Service Area and Bidding Requirements**

**Date:** May 25, 2006

**Summary:** This is a reminder that for Contract Year 2007, all entities offering an employer/union only group waiver plans must submit bids by the June 5, 2006 deadline.

**Title: HPMS Marketing Module Release 4.0 Changes**

**(1) CMS Regional Office Staff (2) Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Demonstration, and 1876 Cost Organizations**

**Date:** May 25, 2006

**Summary:** We have released version 4.0 of the MA and PDP Marketing modules today on HPMS production. The changes implemented in this version are based upon the comments received from the Marketing Lessons Learned 2006 process, MA and PDP organizations, Regional Offices, and a subsequent series of JAD sessions with Central Office staff. This document provides an overview of the changes that have been made.

**Title: Part D Questions and Answers (2)**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:**

Specialty Pharmacy Access:

Q. Can Part D plans restrict access to certain Part D drugs to “specialty” pharmacies within their Part D networks?

Best Available Data:

Q. CMS instructed Part D plans on May 5, 2006 that they are required to use the “best available data” to make changes to their systems when they have knowledge that a dual eligible beneficiary’s cost sharing level is not correct. What does CMS mean by best available data?

**Title: Review of Important 2007 Plan Requirements**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:** Since the initial start-up of the Medicare prescription drug benefit, we have provided information on additional procedures and best practices that plans should implement in 2006 to meet our requirements. As summarized below, we expect these procedures and practices to be used in 2007. As we update our manuals and requirements, and prepare to receive plan bids for 2007, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind plans when constructing your bids to carefully review the requirements outlined in our previously issued 2007 Call Letter, and in the 2007 Formulary, Transition, and Reporting requirements documents.

**Title: Submission of 4Rx Data**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:** We released a letter to all part d sponsors reminding them to send in 4RX data in response to TRR's and gap files recently sent to them, as well in response to the TRR's to be sent to them on Saturday.

**Title: LIS Benchmark Calculations**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:** Information to plans on inquiries CMS has received concerning the 2007 calculation of the regional low-income benchmark amount used to determine the low-income subsidy.

**Title: CY 2007 Bid Upload Requirements**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:** Instructions about how to upload the 2007 bids into the HPMS Bid Upload functionality, which was made available on May 19, 2006.

**Title: HPMS Marketing Module Release 4.0 Changes**

**Date:** May 26, 2006

**Summary:** Summarizes the changes made to version 4.0 of the MA and PDP Marketing modules production. This provides an overview