

Summary of HMPS Releases

For the week ending August 12, 2006

Title: DSH Q&A (Safety Net Pharmacy) May safety-net pharmacies waive beneficiary cost sharing? Does this cost sharing count against TrOOP?

Date: August 10, 2006

Summary: Clarifies the MMA provision that added a new exception to the anti-kickback statute under which pharmacies are permitted to waive or reduce cost-sharing amounts imposed under Part D.

Title: Annual Notice of Change Models

Date: August 10, 2006

Summary: 2007 Model Annual Notice of Change (ANOCs) posted for Cost, MA, MA-PD and PDP#1 and PDP#2

Title: Plan to Plan (P-2-P) Reconciliation Implementation – Phase 1

Date: August 8, 2006

Summary: CMS is prepared to begin the facilitation of P2P Reconciliation beginning August 13th, 2006. Systems modifications will be implemented the weekend of August 12th, 2006. Three new edits will be effective with the implementation of P2P. Additional information, file layout and reports, are available on the customer service website <http://www.csscooperations.com/new/pdic/reports/reports>.

Title: Permissible Limits on Enrollment for Dual Eligibles Enrolled in Special Needs Plans

Date: August 10, 2006

Summary: Beginning with contract year 2008, Special Needs Plans (SNPs) may limit enrollment of dual eligibles based on integration with State Medicaid efforts. Previously we permitted SNPs to limit enrollment of dual eligibles based on whether they were full benefit dual eligibles versus partial benefit dual eligibles. Our revised policy allows for additional limits on enrollment permitting SNPs to include only those dual eligibles who are receiving their care under a Medicaid program which is integrated with that being furnished with the SNP under Medicare.

Title: Expedited Procedures for Approval of Marketing Materials

Date: August 9, 2006

Summary: CMS is modifying the procedures for the approval of materials related to the annual renewal process. This modification will ensure that organizations are able to submit information efficiently, with a minimum of burden, and beneficiaries will have the most complete, accurate and timely information to make a decision during the annual election period.

Title: Summary of Benefits (SB) Hard Copy Changes

Date: August 9, 2006

Summary: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is releasing instructions for the Summary of Benefits (SB) Hard Copy Changes for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans (MA-PD), Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), Demonstrations and 1876 Cost Plans. This memo provides guidance on hardcopy changes for Special Needs Plans (SNPs), organizations with multiple plans that combine their (SB) and the Medicare Part B premium income based changes.