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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations and Demonstrations

FROM: Thomas Hutchinson /s/
Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) October Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information related to the October 1, 2007 payment.

2007 Premium Reconciliation Payments

CMS previously withheld payment of premiums due plans for premium withhold periods related to 2007 enrollments pending verification of correct withholding by SSA. The correct premiums (approximately \$30M nationwide) are included in your October payment. To assist you in reconciling these premium payments, you will receive two Monthly Premium Withhold Reports (MPWE) this month. One will contain the normal monthly premium payments and the second file will contain the reconciled premium payments. The file names are as follows:

MPWE for Regular Monthly Payments
[P#MMA.@BGD5050.PLN*.R102007.MPWRD](#)

MPWE for Special 2007 Premium Payment Cleanup
[P#MMA.@BGD5050.PLN*.R102007A.MPWRD](#)

The reconciled premium payments were processed as separate plan-level adjustments and will appear on your Plan Payment Report under that category.

State and County Code (SCC) Cleanup

In January 2006, some plans received higher than normal levels of SCC adjustments. The error that caused this was resolved immediately, but a clean-up of the erroneous adjustments was pending. Correcting adjustments for affected plans were processed in your October payment utilizing adjustment reason code 11.

NMEC and COB User Fees

September was the last month for the user fees to be collected this year. Collections for FY 2008 will resume in your January 2008 payment.

Full Enrollment File (FEF) Schedule Change

The FEF will now be produced to coincide with the Monthly Membership Reports effective with the October payment. If you have any questions on the FEF, please contact MMAHELP.

If you have any questions or issues with items in this letter, please contact your Division of Payment Operations representative per the attached list. Thank you.

Attachment

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