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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation for Prescription Drug Events (PDEs)

The attached instructions detail the operational implementation of NPI in the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS), as well as Part D sponsor requirements for NPI submission of NPI on PDEs. CMS anticipates that the new NPI process will go live in DDPS by May 15. The implementation will be announced through the Customer Service and Support Center email distribution when the precise date is known.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact sandra.anderson@cms.hhs.gov.