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

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) October 2010 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information regarding the October 2010 payment scheduled for receipt on October 1, 2010.

User Fee Collections

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 user fee collections were completed with the September payment. The FY 2011 user fee collections will resume in January and the amounts to be collected will be provided in the next plan payment communication.

Year 2011 MARx Plan Monthly Schedule

The plan schedule of due dates for 2011 is attached. The schedule may also be found on the MAPD Help Desk site MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov and in the upcoming November release of the Plan Communication Users Guide.

Premium Withhold Requests for Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Members

REMINDER – Plans should not submit requests for premium withhold for RRB members. The RRB has not yet completed the systems changes necessary to accept premium withhold transactions. CMS will notify the plans when RRB announces the start date of the premium withhold option.

Please contact the appropriate Division of Payment Operations (DPO) representative (list attached) with questions about information in this letter or assistance with other payment or premium related issues. Thank you.

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