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TO: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce the start of our Monthly Manufacturer User Group Call, which replaces the Manufacturer Webinars. The calls will take place on the last Wednesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of the Manufacturer User Group Call is to provide information on the Coverage Gap Discount Program.

CMS will automatically register and send a confirmation email to participants of the prior Manufacturer Webinars. Manufacturers that were not part of the Manufacturer Webinars that would like to participate in the Monthly Manufacturer User Call Group need to register at <http://www.mscginc.com/registration/> and provide the following information:

- First and Last name
- Title
- Organization Name
- Direct Telephone Number (Enter a direct line, not a company main number or a toll free number)
- Contract # (Please use P#)
- Email Address

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT MANUFACTURER USER CALL ACCESS GROUP INFORMATION:

We will open the phone lines at 03:15 p.m. Eastern Time to ensure that participants have sufficient time to connect to the call.

Prior to the scheduled call you will be sent call-in information, an agenda, and any materials. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Anna Atherton at aatherton@mscginc.com or 301-577-3100 x21.

Please submit any questions about this memorandum to cgdpanmanufacturers@cms.hhs.gov or call Winsome Higgins at 410-786-1835 or Stacie Brackett at 410 -786-5492.