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

FROM: Cheri Rice /s/
Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) November 2011 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information regarding the November payment, scheduled for receipt on November 1, 2011, and other payment related items that may require plan action. In addition, the 2012 MARx Monthly Schedule is attached.

Part D Reconciliation

The final Part D payment reconciliation for 2010 is included in the November payment. The results of the reconciliation are on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) as a CMS Special Adjustment with a type code of PRS.

Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Invoices

The CGD offsets for the second quarter of 2011 were processed in the November payment. The offsets are indicated on the PPR as a CMS Special Adjustment with a type code of CGD.

Missing October 2011 Payments

The payment for some plan members was omitted from both the October payment and the October Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs). The problem has been corrected and the November payments have been adjusted to include the omitted October payments. The payments are shown on the November MMRs as adjustments for October with the new “cleanup” Adjustment Reason Code (ARC) 94. Note the field 92 Cleanup ID is blank as no identifier was assigned to this clean up.

2012 MARx Monthly Calendar

The MARx Plan Monthly Schedule for 2012 is attached as a calendar in PDF and in a 508 compliant format. The schedule contains the Plan Data Due, Monthly Reports Release, and Enrollment Certification Due dates for each month as well as other important dates. The schedule was sent to plans as an email on October 20, 2011. In addition it can be downloaded

from the MAPD Help Desk website at mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov.

Format Change on Plan Payment Report (PPR) Data File

As plans were notified in the Announcement of November Software Release letter, dated September 14, 2011, there will be a format change to the PPR data file. The change is effective with the January 2012 PPRs released at the end of December 2011. The PPR data file is being expanded to provide more information and to more closely align to the data on the PPR report version. Specifically, these changes provide additional information under either of the following circumstances:

- The current payment includes amounts carried over from previous payment months
- The current net payment is negative and is being carried over to next month

Part C Premium Change Transaction Type 78

MARx was recently changed to allow plans to submit a Transaction Code (TC) 78 with the same effective date range as a TC 61 (CCM-3 to CCM+3). This means that plans may now submit Part C premium changes effective for January 2012 beginning on the Plan Data Due date in September 2011 through the cutoff date in January 2012.

NOTE - The MARx code change went into production on October 20, 2011. Plans who submitted TC 78s prior to that date and received a TRC 171 should resubmit the transactions immediately.

Cleanup for Disenrollments Due to ESRD Status in September Payment

MARx conducted a cleanup in the September payment to re-enroll beneficiaries that had been disenrolled due to ESRD via ARC 22. The re-enrollments appear with ARC 02. Plans should send cases of members that were **not** re-enrolled to the Retro Processing Contractor. Plans with members that **were** re-enrolled but the ARC 22 adjustments do not match the ARC 02 adjustments AND there was no status change to cause a difference, should contact their DPO representative.

Please contact the appropriate 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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