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**CENTER FOR MEDICARE
MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP**

DATE: March 26, 2012

TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

FROM: Cheri Rice, Director
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SUBJECT: Annual Request for Part D Payment Reconciliation Contact Information

Each year, Part D sponsors identify contact persons for the Part D payment reconciliation as well as contract persons for their Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) reports. Part D sponsors will enter this contact information into the Contract Management module of the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) for active Part D contracts.

StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC (Strategic) assists CMS with the Part D payment reconciliation process. As such, Strategic uses contact information from sponsors in order to communicate with the appropriate staff on certain issues. Strategic sends and receives correspondence relating to Part D payment reconciliation to the contact persons.

Strategic also works with CMS to review the Summary and Detailed DIR reports. Upon review of the 2011 DIR reports, CMS may distribute correspondence to sponsors with questions specific to the DIR amounts submitted. Strategic will send and receive correspondence related to the 2011 DIR reports.

It is now necessary for Strategic to obtain contact information from all sponsors who had an active contract in 2011. Please note this includes sponsors who had contracts active for just a portion of 2011. The contract person(s) for the 2011 Part D payment reconciliation should be able to represent the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer, and be able to respond promptly to correspondence related to the Part D payment reconciliation process. The contract person(s) for the DIR reports should be able to answer technical questions related to the 2011 DIR reports.

The contract information for individuals(s) authorized to discuss reconciliation issues as well as issues related to DIR will be collected via HPMS. Please submit this contract information into the HPMS Contract Management module using the following navigation path: HPMS Homepage > Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Select Contract Number > Contact Data. This contract information must be submitted for each Part D contract number **by Monday April 16, 2012.**

The Contract Management Contract Data module is not available for terminated contracts. Therefore, if your contract number was active in 2011 but is no longer active in 2012, you will need to submit this information to Strategic using the attached form. In addition, please provide contact information for the Medicare Compliance Officer and the Chief Financial Officer. The completed form must be sent to Strategic via e-mail at PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com by **Monday April 16, 2012**. Please note in the subject line, "Payment Reconciliation Contract Information for Terminated Contracts."

Please limit the number of Part D payment reconciliation contacts and DIR report contacts to no more than two persons per parent organization (i.e., two contacts for Part D payment reconciliation and two contacts for DIR reports). For each contact, please indicate the first name, last name, mailing address (including city, state, and zip code), phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. **We note that, with the exception of terminated contracts, sponsors will not be required to submit this contact information directly to Strategic via e-mail.**

For technical assistance in updating contact information in HPMS, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov. For other questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Strategic at PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com.

Attachment