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Date: April 29, 2013

To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Cheri Rice, Director
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Subject: Reopening of the 2007 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

CMS has completed the calculations for the reopening of the 2007 Part D Payment Reconciliation. The calculations were performed in accordance with §1860D-14 and §1860D-15 of the Social Security Act and associated regulations and guidance. The reconciliation calculations utilize all Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data received by 1:00 PM ET on February 28, 2013 and accepted in the Drug Data Processing System; all prospective payments made for Part D net of all adjustments processed through the June 2012 payment; and Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) information received in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by March 22, 2013.

The payment reconciliation reports for the reopening will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at 877-534-2772.

Payment adjustments to remit and recover these calculated reconciliation amounts are planned for June 2013 payment. Payment is contingent on receipt of the Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor, which was due by May 3, 2013. If the attestation has not been received, the payment will not occur in the June 2013 payment. The payment will occur after the attestation is received.

The appeals received in October 2008, after the 2007 Part D Payment Reconciliation, were addressed through the reopening. CMS considers those appeals to be closed. Appeals are filed when a plan sponsor does not believe that CMS applied its stated payment methodology correctly. If a Part D Sponsor feels as though CMS did not apply its stated payment methodology in the reopening, a new appeal would need to be filed. The regulations provide for appeal rights at 42 C.F.R. §423.350. Refer to the reopening and appeals guidance, which was released through HPMS on May 8, 2008, for additional information on the process for filing an appeal. If you wish to appeal, your request must be filed (sent) by May 30, 2013. Requests for appeal should be addressed to Cheri Rice, and sent to the Reconciliation Support Contractor, Strategic Health Solutions (Strategic):

StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC
8830 Stanford Blvd., Suite 405
Columbia, MD 21045

If you intend to send your appeal electronically or you have any questions regarding this memo, contact Strategic at PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com