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To: Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Plans

From: Cheri Rice, Director
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Subject: Reopening of the 2006 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) plans

CMS completed the calculations for the reopening of the 2006 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation for PACE plans. 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 May 31, 2013 and accepted in the Drug Data Processing System; all prospective payments made for Part D net of all adjustments processed through the April 2008 payment; and Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) information received in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by March 28, 2011.

The payment reconciliation reports for reopening will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Thursday, August 1, 2013. If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at 877-534-2772. In addition, payment adjustments to remit and recover these calculated reconciliation amounts are planned for September 2013 payment.

The regulations provide for appeal rights at 42 C.F.R. §423.350. Appeals are filed when a plan sponsor does not believe that CMS applied its stated payment methodology correctly. 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 Friday, August 16, 2013. Requests for appeal should be addressed to Cheri Rice, and sent to the Reconciliation Support Contractor, StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC (Strategic):

StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC
8830 Stanford Blvd., Suite 405
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If you intend to send your appeal electronically or you have any questions regarding this memo, contact Strategic at PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com