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**MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP**

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**DATE:** November 19, 2013

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

**FROM:** Cheri Rice  
Director

**SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) December 2013 Payment – INFORMATION**

This letter provides information about the December payment, which is scheduled for receipt on November 29, 2013, and other payment related items that may require plan action. Please note that the January 2014 payment will be made on January 2, 2014.

**FY 2014 User Fees**

The FY 2014 user fee collections will resume in January. The National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) user fee for MA-PD plans will be 0.044%; the total amount to be collected is \$57.1 Million. The NMEC user fee for PDPs will be 0.043%; the total amount to be collected is \$16.5 Million. CMS will not collect a Coordination of Benefits user fee in 2014.

**2014 MARx Operating Calendar**

The MARx operating calendar has been completed and is attached to this letter. Please note the early "Plan Data Due" dates in February, October, November, and December.

**2012 Part D Reconciliation**

The results of the 2012 Part D reconciliation are included in the December payment. The adjustments are on the plan payment report as a CMS special adjustment with a type of PRS.

**Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Offsets**

The CGD offsets for 2013 continue in the December payment. They appear on the plan payment report as a CMS special adjustment with a type of CGD.

Please contact the appropriate DPO Representative (list attached) if you have any questions about the information in this letter or need assistance with other payment or premium related issues. Thank you.

cc: DPO Representatives  
Director, DPO  
MAPD Customer Support

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## JANUARY 2014

- 1 New Year's Day (Observed)
- 2 JANUARY Payment Due Plan
- 4 Certification of Enrollment for November 20, 2013 Report
- 10 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. (Holiday)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 31 FEBRUARY Payment Due Plan

## FEBRUARY 2014

- FEBRUARY Payment Due Plan – JANUARY 31
- 2 Certification of Enrollment for December 19, 2013 report
- 7 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 17 Washington's Birthday (Observed)
- 20 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 28 MARCH Payment Due Plan

## MARCH 2014

- MARCH Payment Due Plan – FEBRUARY 28
- 9 Certification of Enrollment for January 23, 2014 Report
- 14 PLAN DATA DUE (8 pm Eastern Time)
- 24 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

## APRIL 2014

- 1 APRIL Payment Due Plan
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for February 20, 2014 report
- 11 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

## MAY 2014

- 1 MAY Payment Due Plan
- 8 Certification of Enrollment for March 24, 2014 report
- 9 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 21 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 26 Memorial Day (Holiday)
- 30 JUNE Payment Due Plan

## JUNE 2014

- JUNE Payment Due Plan – MAY 30
- 7 Certification of Enrollment for April 23, 2014 report
- 13 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

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## JULY 2014

- 1 JULY Payment Due Plan
- 4 Independence Day (Holiday)
- 5 Certification of Enrollment for May 21, 2014 report
- 11 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 24 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

## AUGUST 2014

- 1 AUGUST Payment Due Plan
- 7 Certification of Enrollment for June 23, 2014 report
- 8 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 22 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

## SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1 Labor Day (Holiday)
- 2 SEPTEMBER Payment Due Plan
- 7 Certification of Enrollment for July 24, 2014 report
- 12 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE

## OCTOBER 2014

- 1 OCTOBER Payment Due Plan
- 3 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 6 Certification of Enrollment for August 22, 2014 report
- 13 Columbus Day (Observed)
- 15 Annual Enrollment Period Begins
- 22 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 31 NOVEMBER Payment Due Plan

## NOVEMBER 2014

- NOVEMBER Payment Due Plan – October 31
- 7 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- Certification of Enrollment for September 23, 2014 report
- 11 Veterans Day (Observed)
- 20 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 27 Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)

## DECEMBER 2014

- 1 DECEMBER Payment Due Plan
- 5 PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)
- 7 Annual Election Period Ends
- Certification of Enrollment for October 23, 2014 report
- 23 MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE
- 25 Christmas Day (Holiday)
- January 1, 2015 – New Year's Day (Holiday)
- January 2 - JANUARY 2015 Payment Due Plan
- January 9, 2015– PLAN DATA DUE (8pm Eastern Time)

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