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**Center for Medicare  
Medicare Plan Payment Group**

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Date: October 31, 2012

To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Cheri Rice, Director  
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Subject: 2011 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

CMS completed the calculations for the 2011 Final 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 June 30, 2012 and accepted in the Drug Data Processing System; all prospective payments made for Part D net of all adjustments processed through the September 2012 payment; and DIR information received in the Health Plan Management System by August 22, 2012.

The payment reconciliation reports will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. 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 December 2012 payment. Payment is contingent on receipt of the Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor- CY 2011 and the Attestation of Plan-to-Plan Reconciliation Payment Data- CY 2011, which were due by September 14, 2012. If the attestations were not received, the payment will not occur in the December 2012 payment. The payment will occur after the attestations are received.

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 reopenings 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 and received by **November 14, 2012**. Requests for appeal should be addressed to Cheri Rice, and sent to the Reconciliation Support Contractor, Strategic Health Solutions (Strategic):

StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC  
10040 Regency Circle, Suite 150  
Omaha, NE 68114

If you intend to send your appeal electronically, submit the appeal to Strategic at [PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com](mailto:PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com).

CMS may reopen final payment determinations. Part D Sponsors can submit requests for reopening, as instructed in the May 8, 2008 HPMS memo referenced above. Any requests received from Part D Sponsors prior to the release of the final payment determination are not considered valid requests for reopening. The Part D Sponsor will have to resubmit the request and the reopening request spreadsheet in accordance with the guidance in the May 8, 2008 memo.

Any questions regarding this memo can be sent to Strategic.