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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: July 22, 2020

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: Release Date for Important 2021 Information

On July 29, 2020, CMS plans to release the Part D base beneficiary premium, the Part D national average monthly bid amount, the *de minimis* amount, and other important Part C and Part D information for contract year 2021.

Plans will have from Wednesday, July 29, 2020 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to complete rebate reallocation and, thereafter, from Thursday, August 6, 2020 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Thursday, August 13, 2020 to inform CMS of their intent to participate in the voluntary *de minimis* program.

Plans will find the release on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Ratebooks-and-Supporting-Data.html>, at the link to “2021.”

Please send any questions related to this memorandum to PartDPaymentPolicy@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you.