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

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) April 2020 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the April 2020 Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug payment, which is scheduled for receipt on April 01, 2020.

CY2018 Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Reconciliation

The results of the CY2018 CGD reconciliation are included in the April 2020 payment. The adjustments appear on the Plan Payment Reports (PPR) with adjustment type “PRS.”

Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing

Batch Input Transaction Data File Name

As announced in the *May 2019 Detailed Release Memo*, issued through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) on 04/11/2019, CMS installed changes so that the Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) User ID is used when sending the Batch Input Transaction Data File to MARx. In order for the Batch Input Transaction Data File to process successfully, and to receive a Batch Completion Summary Report (BCSS), plans should not submit files with the same date and time in the file name.

This will cause a MARx system error and prevent the system from generating the BCSS.

Extension of the Transition Period for Submitting MARx Batch Input Header Record

CMS is extending the transition from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Through December 31, 2020, plan submitters can transmit both the old and new MARx Batch Input Detail submission files.

Questions or concerns about any of the information within this letter should be directed to the MAPD Help Desk at MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov, or 1-800-927-8069.