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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Plan-to-Plan (P2P) and 2006 Part D Payment Reconciliation
Reopenings

CMS previously announced that there will be program-wide reopenings of the 2006 Part D payment reconciliation. In response to plan appeals that report the need to adjust previously accepted P2P PDEs and to submit outstanding P2P PDEs for the 2006 Part D Payment Reconciliation, CMS will now accept P2P PDEs for Coverage Year 2006.

P2P processing of 2006 P2P PDEs is effective immediately and the submission deadline will be February 28, 2008, which is the submission deadline for all 2006 PDEs to be considered in the reopenings. This time period provides plans with the opportunity to resubmit any 2006 PDEs that received an edit code of 706 and to correct previously accepted data, if needed. If plans do not resubmit previously rejected PDEs by the February 28, 2008 deadline, CMS will not provide credit for the PDEs in the reopenings.

P2P PDEs submitted during this time period will follow the process described in the P2P Phase I guidance, which is the guidance that was followed for the processing of all 2006 P2P PDEs. After the February deadline, CMS will release P2P Reports. As stated in the P2P guidance, the Contract of Record is responsible for paying the Submitting Contract within thirty days of receiving the P2P Reports. Plans are encouraged to verify that their P2P Contact information is current in HPMS to ensure that timely payments can be made prior to the reopenings.

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