

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending March 21, 2008

Title: Week-at-a-Glance March 16th through March 23rd

Date: 3/17/08

Summary: The Week-at-a-Glance memo describes the cleanups that CMS is preparing to transmit along with Plan-submitted transactions to Plans over the next two weeks.

Title: Change in Implementation Schedule for Automated TrOOP Balance Transfer Requirement

Date: 3/18/08

Summary: Change in Implementation Schedule for Automated TrOOP Balance Transfer Requirement (routine admin): In a September 18, 2007 memorandum entitled, "Update on the 2008 TrOOP Balance Transfer Process and Model Explanation of Benefits," we announced that we had been working with the industry and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) to develop a new NCPDP transaction standard to support the on-line, real-time transfer of the TrOOP and gross covered drug cost data between Part D sponsors when a beneficiary changes enrollment during the coverage year. In January, the NCPDP Board approved the new transaction standard. The standard and related implementation guides, dated January 22, 2008, are available to members on the NCPDP website at: <http://www.ncdp.org/>.

Title: Introduction from CMS on 2009 Call Letter

Date: 3/18/08

Summary: The 2009 Call Letter provides new information and operational reminders to Medicare Advantage and other private plan options (Part C) and prescription drug (Part D) programs to help them prepare for contract year 2009.

Title: 2009 Applications Review and Communication Process

Date: 3/19/08

Summary: This memo reminds applicants of content verbally offered at User Group teleconferences, and increases the specificity of that information with regard to offering specific dates that Part C, EGWP and Part D contract applicants will be able to address CMS concerns with their contract applications. It also reminds applicants of regulatory change in appeals process.