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SUBJECT: Week-at-a-Glance April 20th through April 27th

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. The focus of each cleanup is described below.

Plans should also be aware that all information is approximate and subject to change. The MMA Help Desk will communicate any changes to the schedule that occur after this memo is published to Plans.

Sunday, April 20, 2008

At this time, no cleanups are scheduled for inclusion on April 20th regular weekly TRR. The file will follow the standard naming convention:

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Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Special TRR - 2006 Premium Withhold Reconciliation MPR 3855

In a continuing effort to address the 2006 Premium Withhold Reconciliation issues, a special TRR will be transmitted to Plans for affected beneficiaries on April 23, 2008. The special TRR will reset the premium withhold option to “D” (Direct Bill) and show TRC 144 (Premium withhold option change to direct bill) only for those beneficiaries that had no premiums withheld for all months that they were in premium withhold status during 2006. Although these beneficiaries may have requested premium withhold and the CMS enrollment system may have shown them in premium withhold status, premium withhold was never effectuated at SSA and premiums were not withheld from the beneficiary.

The file will follow the standard naming convention:

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Sunday, April 27, 2008

Transactions reprocessed as a result of the following cleanup will appear on the Plan’s April 27th regular weekly TRR. The file will follow the standard naming convention:

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Maximum Number of Uncovered Months Incorrectly Calculated MPR 4637

CMS identified and fixed a software issue where Plans incorrectly received TRC 216 – “Number of Uncovered Months exceeds the maximum possible value” for the Plan

change transaction (type 72) when attempting to correct the cumulative record for a beneficiary whose Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) ended on May 15, 2006.

Since then, CMS has encouraged Plans to resubmit any affected Plan change transactions (type 72) with a date prior to March 1, 2008. These resubmitted transactions were processed and Plans should have received appropriate responses on their weekly TRRs.

In order to close the loop with the Plans, CMS will reprocess the remaining transactions that have not been resubmitted by the Plans. Plans can expect to receive one or more of the following:

- TRC 141 - Uncovered Months Change Accepted
- TRC 177 - Change in Late Enrollment Penalty
- TRC 178 - Late Enrollment Penalty Rescinded
- TRC 179 - Accepted, Data on Premium Record Already Exists

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