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DATE: May 1, 2008

TO: All Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: 2009 Model LIS Rider and Website Premium Summary Table

As we stated in the CY2009 Call Letter, Part D sponsors must mail the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) rider at the same time the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) is mailed. Sponsors must also send an LIS rider at other times of the year if an enrollee becomes newly LIS eligible or experiences a change in the level of LIS for which he or she qualifies.

In addition, sponsors must inform potential enrollees about their plan premium once they are eligible for and receive LIS. Plans may either use our model website premium summary table for those receiving LIS, or ensure that the following information is available for each plan benefit package they provide:

- A statement indicating that their premiums will be lower once they receive Extra Help from Medicare;
- The four different premium amounts;
- An explanation that the premiums listed do not include any Part B premium the member may have to pay; and
- A statement indicating that the premiums listed are for both medical services and prescription drug benefits (MA-PDs only).

Attached are the CY2009 model LIS rider and website premium summary table. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Vanessa Duran via email at vanessa.duran@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at 410-786-8697.

Attachments – 2009 LIS Rider
2009 Website Premium Summary Table.