

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending May 2, 2008

Title: Clarification on the 2006 Attestations of Prescription Drug Event Data, Direct and Indirect Remuneration Data, and Monthly Plan-to-Plan Reconciliation Payments

Date: 4/28/08

Summary: This memo provides a clarification to the routine administrative memorandum released on April 18, 2008 requiring Part D sponsors to certify their 2006 PDE, DIR, and P2P data. The original memo led to a large number of requests for specific instructions on completing the P2P certification form. This memorandum provides further guidelines to sponsors on how to complete that portion of the certification requirement.

Title: Clarifications on the Submittal Process for Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Survey Data for 2008 – Updated – ACTION

Date: 4/29/08

Summary: The memo provides clarifications on several items related to the submittal of your MSP survey results this year.

Title: Announcement of Early Summer Software Release

Date: 4/29/08

Summary: CMS will be implementing software improvements to the eligibility, enrollment and payment systems early this summer to support the Medicare Modernization Act. As part of this effort, systems changes have been scheduled for implementation as of June 15, 2008 that affect Plan exchanges with CMS starting that same calendar month. This letter provides information regarding these changes so that Plans may assess the impact on their organization and accommodate the changes described below.

Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) May 2008 Payment – INFORMATION

Date: 4/29/08

Summary: This letter provides information related to the May 2008 payment scheduled for May 1, 2008.

Title: Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) Enhancement

Date: 4/30/08

Summary: On Friday, May 2, 2008, CMS will implement an enhancement to HPMS Complaints Tracking Module (CTM). We are implementing this enhancement in response to plan requests to name the field similar to the module references in order to reduce confusion.

Title: Prescriber Identifier on Part D NCPDP Pharmacy Claims Transactions

Date: 5/1/08

Summary: CMS has recently released an FAQ related to National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the Prescriber Identifier field on the National Council of Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) billing transaction ([FAQ #9100 "After May 23, 2008, is an NPI required for the prescriber ID field on the NCPDP pharmacy transaction?"](#) and also included as Appendix I in this memo). This FAQ clarifies that not all prescribers are covered entities under the NPI rule, and therefore, not all prescribers are required to have an NPI. The FAQ further clarifies that if the prescriber does not have an NPI or the pharmacy cannot obtain a prescriber's NPI, a non-NPI prescriber ID may be substituted on NCPDP pharmacy claims transactions if allowed by the payer.