

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending May 16, 2008

Title: Issuance of Draft Employer/Union Sponsored Group Health Plans Manual Chapters for Comment

Date: 5/14/08

Summary: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing updated drafts of Chapter 9 (Employer/Union Sponsored Group Health Plans) of the Medicare Managed Care Manual and Chapter 12 (Employer/Union Sponsored Group Health Plans) of the Prescription Drug Benefit Manual for a two-week comment period. The draft manual chapters are available on the Employer/Union Group Page of the CMS website at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EmpGrpWaivers/01_Overview.asp. Comments on these draft manual chapters must be received by CMS no later than 5 p.m. (EDT), on May 27, 2008 via email to EmployerWaivers@cms.hhs.gov.

Title: CY 2009 Plan Benefit Package Software Patch #1 Deployed to HPMS

Date: 5/14/08

Summary: This technical memo announces the release of a CY 2009 PBP software patch.

Title: Submittal of Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Survey Data for 2008 - ACTION

Date: 5/14/08

Summary: This letter is the final update to the instructions provided in the HPMS letter dated March 14, 2008.

Title: Release of CY 2009 Bid Upload Functionality in HPMS

Date: 5/16/08

Summary: This technical memo announces the release of the CY 2009 Bid Upload functionality in HPMS and provides a detailed description of each submission requirement that must accompany the physical upload of the bid submission from the plans.