

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending August 29, 2008

Title: Open Door Forum Announcement

Date: August 25, 2008

Summary: CMS will conduct an Open Door Forum to announce the convening of the Special Needs Plan Chronic Condition Panel. The panel will determine the conditions that meet the definition of severe or disability chronic conditions in accordance with Public Law 110-275, Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. The forum will be held via audio-conference on September 10, 2008.

Title: Non-Renewal and Service Area Reduction Guidance, Timeline, and Model Final Beneficiary Notice Letters

Date: August 26, 2008

Summary: This memorandum is to provide all PDP, MA-PD, MA, CCP, PFFS, RPPO, MSA, HCPPs, EGWP and cost-based organizations with guidance regarding their obligations to adhere to all CMS requirements and ensure that all affected beneficiaries receive timely notification of a non-renewal or service area reduction of their current plan for CY2009.

Title: Offshore Subcontractor Data Module in HPMS

Date: August 26, 2008

Summary: This HPMS memo informs sponsors of the new Offshore Subcontractor Data module in HPMS. Part C and D applicants for CY2009 and existing sponsors who have new arrangements with offshore subcontractors should enter their information into the module no later than Friday, September 26, 2008.

Title: 2009 Part D Readiness Checklist

Date: August 27, 2008

Summary: With the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) fast approaching, we want to remind Part D sponsors of established requirements critical to ensuring a plan's enrollees receive effective drug coverage in 2009. This memo announces the 2009 release of the annual Part D Readiness Checklist. The Checklist is included as an Attachment.

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

Date: August 28, 2008

Summary: This letter provides information related to the September 2008 payment scheduled for August 29, 2008.

Title: Special Instructions for Open Door Forum: Convening of the Special Needs Plan Chronic Condition Panel Scheduled on September 10, 2008

Date: August 29, 2008

Summary: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services look forward to your participation in this audio conference call. As a reminder, we will conduct an open door forum to announce the convening of the Special Needs Plan Chronic Condition Panel. We will announce the names of the panel members as well as solicit written comments regarding the determination of the conditions that meet the definition of severe and disabling chronic conditions under section 1859(b)(6)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(iii)).

Title: Reassignment of Low Income Subsidy Beneficiaries for 2009

Date: August 29, 2008

Summary: This memo provides information regarding the reassignment of low income subsidy beneficiaries for 2009.