

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending September 12, 2008

Title: Plan Preview Dates for 2009 Medicare Options Compare

Date: 9/9/08

Summary: This memorandum gives a timeline and instructions for previewing plan benefit and cost sharing data and out-of-pocket estimates for display in the 2009 Medicare Options Compare (MOC) on Medicare.gov.

Title: Final Reminder: 2009 “Medicare & You” Handbook – Plan Data Preview

Date: 9/10/08

Summary: Per the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) memos from Robin R. King, Director, Office of External Affairs, dated August 15, 2008, August 29, 2008, and September 5, 2008, today is the LAST DAY (by 5:59pm EDT) to preview your plan data for the 2009 “Medicare & You” Handbook. Thank you.

Title: Reminder – Plan Preview Periods for November 2008 Part D Plan Ratings

Date: 9/10/08

Summary: On November 13, 2008, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will release improved Part C and Part D ratings in its web-based information tools for Medicare beneficiaries. In addition to showing more differentiation between plans, CMS’s improved ratings will allow comparisons of plans’ costs as well as quality, performance, and drug safety. Please access the first plan preview of Part D ratings and provide any questions or comments to CMS by September 15, 2008. Comments or questions should be sent to partdmetrics@cms.hhs.gov.

Title: Model Public Notice for Part C Non-Renewing Contract and Service Area Reduction

Date: 9/11/08

Summary: The purpose of this memo is to provide instructions to MA, MA-PD and cost plans how to access the HPMS replacement report for their non-renewing and service area reductions.

Title: Instructions For Model Private Fee-For-Service Terms And Conditions of Payment

Date: 9/12/08

Summary: This memo provides the model terms & conditions for MAOs offering PFFS plans.

Title: 2009 Checklists for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Marketing Materials

Date: 9/12/08

Summary: This memo provides guidance to all MAOs, PDPs, and 1876 Cost Plans on how to use the new 2009 Checklist.