



MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) August 2009 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information regarding the August 2009 payment scheduled for July 31, 2009 and other payment process reminders.

Final 2008 Risk Adjustment Reconciliation

The risk adjustment reconciliation based on the application of the final year 2008 factor changes is included in the August payments. As a result, adjustment reason codes (ARCs) of ARC = 25 (for Part C) and ARC = 37 (for Part D) will appear on the MMRs.

Cleanup to Create Missing Payments and Adjustments

A small payment clean up was included in the August payment to correct an internal MARx data element which was preventing payment adjustments from being paid to some plans. This clean up impacts payment years 2006 through 2008 and only involves 639 beneficiaries. The adjustments are generated under ARC 02 if creating a missing prospective payment, and under the original ARC used if creating a missing adjustment.

Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Clarification

Again we are reminding plans NOT to submit any MSP survey results to CMS either via the CD or the transaction type 85 method. As announced in the Final 45 Day Notice of Payment Changes for 2010, CMS will be using its' own data for the MSP payment adjustment process. This reminder refers to the Part C MSP payment process and not to the Part D coordination of benefits process.

Reminder - Annual User ID Certifications

This is a reminder for all plans' External Points of Contact (EPOCs) to request the deletion of those users who have left your plan or no longer require access to the CMS datacenter to obtain plan reports. Please send an email request to MMAHELP@CMS.HHS.GOV containing the user information to be removed.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please feel free to contact your Division of Payment Operations (DPO) representative per the attached list. Thank you.

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