



**MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP**

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

**FROM:** Thomas Hutchinson /s/  
Director

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

This letter provides information regarding the September 2009 payment scheduled for September 1, 2009, and other payment process reminders.

Final Collection of 2009 User Fees

The final collection of the 2009 user fees occurred in the September payment. Note that the percentages changed so that the required cap amounts (\$18.1M for PDPs and \$50.7M for MA-PDs) could be collected. The MA-PD NMEC user fee percentage changed from .054% to .09703%. The PDP NMEC user fee changed from .058% to .11404%. The COB user fee remained the same at \$.28.

Out of Synch Payment and Enrollment Cleanup

This was another cleanup to address out of synch conditions between payments and enrollments. Plans will see positive adjustments associated with adjustment reason code (ARC) 02 and negative adjustments with ARC 03.

State and County Code (SCC) Cleanup

This cleanup corrected adjustments made to plans based on a 99999 SCC when there was, in fact, a valid SCC on record. Plans will see adjustments with ARC 11.

Reminder – Changes in External Points of Contact (EPOC)

This is a reminder that all changes in plan EPOC designations must be submitted by letter to the Division of Payment Operations (DPO). The letter should provide the information of the new EPOC as well as the name and user ID of the EPOC that should be deleted. An email will not be accepted with EPOC designations or changes. For information on the process you may send an email request to [MMAHELP@CMS.HHS.GOV](mailto:MMAHELP@CMS.HHS.GOV).

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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