

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending October 10, 2008

Title: CMS website posting of 2007 Reconciliation Amounts

Date: 10/6/08

Summary: After CMS completes Part D Payment Reconciliation, we post reconciliation amounts summarized at the program and parent organization level on our web site. On September 30, 2008 CMS made final Payment Reconciliation Reports available to Part D plans. On Monday, October 6, 2008 CMS will post reconciliation amounts in the download section of: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MCRAdvPartDEnrolData/>

Title: REISSUED GUIDANCE – Activation of Premium Withholding for 2009 Plan Enrollments

Date: 10/8/08

Summary: CMS is asking plans for help reminding beneficiaries who switch plans or who are enrolling for the first time that they may not see their premiums immediately withheld from their Social Security benefits due to the routine processing timeframe required for activation of premium withholding upon beneficiary selection of this payment option. Requests for premium withholding for the 2009 enrollment period are expected to be activated within the first quarter of 2009.

Title: Submission of Beneficiary-Level Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program Data

Date: 10/8/08

Summary: CMS will be prepared to begin receiving the MTM data submissions on January 1, 2009 with data due no later than February 28, 2009. This memo is intended to provide information regarding the submission process.

Title: Clarification of guidance for regulations in CMS 4131-F and CMS 4138-IFC

Date: 10/8/08

Summary: On September 15, 2008, CMS released guidance to help plans implement the new Medicare regulations, CMS 4131-F and CMS 4138-IFC. CMS is providing additional clarification in this memo in response to marketing questions received on unsolicited contacts, payment of appointment fees, agent training and testing, compensation and employer/union group plans.

Title: Posting of the 2010 Notice of Intent to Apply to Expand Service Area or Become a New Part C Medicare Advantage, Part D Prescription Drug Benefit and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (Direct Contract or “800 Series) Sponsor: Deadline November 18, 2008

Date: 10/10/08

Summary: For the 2010 contract year, the MA, PDP, MA-PD, and EGWP Sponsor applications will be paperless. As a result of the fully electronic submission process and restrictions on access to HPMS, every initial applicant as well as those current contractors seeking to expand their organization’s 2009 service area must complete a Notice of Intent to Apply and/or the CMS User ID connectivity form. The 2010 Notices of Intent to Apply should be completed by 5 p.m. EST on November 18, 2008.

Title: Third Quarter 2008 Part D Beneficiary and Pharmacy Call Center Monitoring Results Available (EMAIL)

Date: 10/10/08

Summary: Results from the third quarter of the Medicare Part D call center surveillance project are now available in HPMS for plan sponsors to view for their own contracts. These results can be found in HPMS under: Quality and Performance \ Part D Performance Metrics and Reports \ “Beneficiary Customer Service Call Center Performance Metrics” or “Pharmacy Support Customer Service Call Center Performance Metrics” (4 new weekly reports have been added to each section). Any questions or comments on these data should be directed to PartDMetrics@cms.hhs.gov with “Call Center” and a Contract ID included in the subject line.