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To: Medicare Part D Sponsors

From: Kimberly Brandt, Director
Program Integrity Group

Re: Suspicious Pharmacy Medicare Part D Billing in Florida

CMS has reason to believe that 5V Pharmacy in Miami, FL may have been involved in inappropriate billing of Part D drugs to the Medicare program. The Southeast Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (MEDIC), Health Integrity, conducted an investigation of 5V Pharmacy which indicated that 5V may be submitting claims for prescriptions created by the pharmacist as well as automatically refilling prescriptions for patients without their knowledge or consent. The information the MEDIC has received so far indicates that 5V has submitted Part D claims from January 2006 and continues to do so at the time of this alert. 5V was raided by DEA on April 22, 2007. Please find the specific information about 5V Pharmacy below:

**5V Pharmacy
NABP/NCPDP # 1095682
1390 NW 7th Street
Miami, FL 33125**

Due to the critical nature of this issue, CMS is alerting all Part D sponsors of this situation. CMS requests that if you have any billing from this pharmacy during 2006, please contact Health Integrity. Please provide Health Integrity with the following information as soon as possible:

- Name of plan;
- CMS contract ID number;
- Number of claims billed by 5V;
- Completed 2006, 2007, and 2008 payments, in dollars;
- 2008 payments in process, in dollars; and
- 2008 payments, in dollars, not yet paid.

Please call Brigitte Cervone at the Southeast MEDIC at (678) 494-8234, and state that you are calling regarding 5V Pharmacy. In addition, please designate a point of contact in your organization with whom the MEDIC and Law Enforcement may work with during the course of this investigation.

If you have any questions about this alert or have any information relating to this pharmacy, please contact either of these individuals at CMS: Stephanie Blaydes Kaisler at (410) 786-0957 or Faye Starceovich at (312) 353-9858.