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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 Sentry 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 Sentry Pharmacy which indicated that Sentry may be submitting claims for prescriptions created by the owner, Harry Castro. The prescription claims involve high cost cancer, HIV, and psychiatric drugs. The information the MEDIC has received so far indicates that Sentry submitted Part D claims from January 2006 through December 2007. Harry Castro, who has a previous conviction related to healthcare fraud, was arrested by DEA for selling hydrocodone in November 2007. Castro pled guilty to the drug sales charge and is presently serving a 33 month sentence in federal prison. Please find the specific information about Sentry Pharmacy below:

**Sentry Pharmacy  
NABP/NCPDP # 1016220  
9783 S.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33173**

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 Sentry;
- Completed 2006, 2007, and 2008 payments, in dollars;
- 2008 payments in process, in dollars; and
- 2008 payments, in dollars, not yet paid.

Please call Bill Candeletti at the Southeast MEDIC at (904) 461-8389, and state that you are calling regarding Sentry 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 Starcevich at (312) 353-9858.