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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) January 2010 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information regarding the January 2010 payment scheduled for receipt on January 4, 2010, as well as other payment process reminders.

Collection of 2010 User Fees

The collection of the 2010 user fees begin with the January 2010 payment and continue through the September 2010 payment. The MA-PD National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) user fee will be 0.051%. The total user fee amount to be collected is \$51.2 Million. The PDP NMEC user fee will be 0.053%. The total user fee amount to be collected is \$19.4 Million. The annual Part D Coordination of Benefits (COB) user fee will be \$1.89 per member and will be collected at the rate of \$ 0.21 per member per month.

Change in MSP Process

The contract-level MSP adjustment will no longer appear on the plan payment reports starting with the January reports. As previously communicated, the MSP adjustment will convert to a beneficiary-level process and appear on the Monthly Membership Report. These changes are scheduled for implementation with the July 1, 2010 reports created at the end of June.

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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