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MEMORANDUM

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Memorandum to: All Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D., Director, Medicare Drug Benefit Group

Subject: Part D Sponsors 4Rx Data - September, 2006

On July 14, 2006, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a new module in HPMS under the "Contract Management" section entitled "4Rx Data". This module has now been updated to reflect the 4Rx data for current enrollees for the payment month of September 2006. Each Part D sponsor is expected to successfully submit 4Rx data for at least 95% of their enrollees. The information in the 4Rx Data report is designed to help Part D Sponsors determine if they are meeting the 95% requirement. The report has now been broken into three sections – one for total current enrollees, one for Plan-submitted enrollments, and one for CMS generated enrollments.

Data for the overall total enrollee measure will be displayed on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder as part of the performance metrics initiative. Those plans not meeting the 95% standard will be flagged as outliers within HPMS and determined to be out of compliance with their obligation to process enrollment requests in a timely manner.

Thank you again for your continued participation in the Medicare prescription drug benefit. Striving for excellence in the processing of enrollment eligibility information helps to ensure access to the Part D benefit and a high level of beneficiary satisfaction. If you have any questions or comments about these data please submit an email to PartDMetrics@cms.hhs.gov and include "4Rx Data" in the subject line along with the contract numbers for which you have questions.