



Center for Beneficiary Choices

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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

RE: CY 2009 Formulary Submission Outlier Justification Module

DATE: March 31, 2008

As previously mentioned in the CY 2009 Formulary Training Video Streaming/Podcast (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/events/docs/Conference_ID_356/bidconference.html), Part D sponsors will utilize HPMS for the review of potential formulary issues and submission of clinical justifications. The new Outlier Justification Submission (OJS) module provides a coordinated approach for Part D Sponsors to submit HPMS Formulary Outlier Justifications subsequent to the identification of potential issues during CMS' review of the CY 2009 formulary submissions. This module serves as a replacement for CMS' previous process of providing notification of potential formulary issues and receiving Part D sponsor justifications for these issues via email. The same justification information previously submitted to CMS using MS Excel documents will now be directly entered into HPMS. The justifications provided to CMS through the HPMS Outlier Justification Submission module should address whether the Part D Sponsors will resolve their potential formulary issues via a resubmission of the formulary file or by providing a clinical justification for review by CMS.

The CY 2009 Outlier Justification Submission Module User Manual will be posted on the "In the News Section" of the HPMS Homepage during the week of March 31, 2008.

A brief overview of the Outlier Justification Submission Module and User Manual will be provided during the April 2, 2008 Part C & D User Call dedicated to CY 2009 Formulary Submission information. Dial-in information and materials will be distributed prior to the call by CMS' Part C & D User Call contractor, Management Solutions Consulting Group (MSCG). If you are not already registered with MSCG, register at <http://mscginc.com/registration>. A valid CMS contract number is required.

Any questions on the new Outlier Justification Submission Module and User Manual should be e-mailed to the Part D formularies mailbox at PartDFormularies@cms.hhs.gov.