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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Plan Preview of Updated Part D Plan Ratings Data for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder

DATE: July 29, 2009

Again this fall, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to view updated Part D plan ratings via the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF) on www.medicare.gov. This memo is to inform Part D sponsors that you can preview your plan ratings data in HPMS prior to display on the MPDPF beginning on August 11, 2009.

To access the Plan Ratings Preview in HPMS, from the left navigation bar select: “Quality and Performance”, then “Part D Performance Metrics and Reports” and then “Part D Report Card Master Table”. Technical notes are available via the “Technical Notes” link found on the “Summary” tab of the Master Table. Please note, for this plan preview data are not available for the three Part D CAHPS measures. These data will be updated during the second plan preview in September and will potentially impact your overall summary score. As an additional enhancement, the proposed master language document will be available for plans to understand what will appear on the MPDPF website.

Please email any comments or questions to PartDMetrics@cms.hhs.gov and include “Plan Ratings Master Table” and a Contract ID in the subject line. Comments and questions will be addressed on a rolling basis and must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 21, 2009. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensure the success of the Medicare Part D program.