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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage (MA), Prescription Drug Plan
               (PDP), PACE, 1876 Cost Plan Sponsors and Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: CY 2010 Plan Benefit Package Software Patch

The Contract Year (CY) 2010 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) software will be updated next Friday,
May 15, 2009.   At that time, users should log into the Health Plan Management System (HPMS)
and select Plan Bids > Bid Submission > Contract Year 2010 > Download and then download
the appropriate file dictated by your situation as described below. **The download and
installation of the PBP software patch is mandatory for enhanced alternative drug plan
types only**. All other plan types have the option of downloading the patch to fix Summary of
Benefits (SB) issues.

Users who have previously downloaded the CY 2010 PBP software:
Download the PBP 2010 Update file into the directory where the PBP 2010 software is installed.
Please refer to the PBP Enhancement Download page for complete instructions on how to install
the PBP patch.

Users who have NOT downloaded the CY 2010 PBP software:
These software changes and bug fixes are incorporated into the PBP Data Entry software
beginning on May 15, 2009. Therefore, users who download the PBP Software **AFTER** May
15, 2009 do not need to install the enhancement(s). To verify that you have the most recent PBP
software enhancements, users should confirm that their version information matches the version
information below:

Version Information:
PBP Version ID: 2010.02
PBP Version Date: 05/15/2009
Dictionary Date: 05/15/2009
SB MDB Version: 2010.02

*NOTE: If you downloaded the PBP 2010 software before May 15, 2009 and forwarded it to
other users in your organization, please make sure that these other users receive and install the
PBP 2010 patch.*

The PBP software being released on May 15, 2009 includes the following bug fixes. Please note that a complete list of software modifications as well as the updated software version number will be listed on HPMS:

PBP Rx Section

- When organizations offer gap coverage and indicate they are offering "Many," "Some," or "Few" generic or brand drugs, there was an edit rule requiring that at least one tier be marked as a partial gap coverage tier. This edit rule has been removed from the software.

SB Introduction

- The correct phone number will display for the TTY/TDD Customer Service Contact Local Number.

- When the same county name appears in two different states, both counties will now generate in the section: 'where is plan available?'

- For all Exclusive SNPs that are chronic and disabling, the Introduction will list these chronic and disabling conditions.

SB – Section 2 (Original Medicare)

- In SB-6, B-Only plans will receive the same sentence as do A/B plans: '$0 copay'

Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve these submission tools for 2010. If you have any questions about this e-mail, please feel free to contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov.