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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: February 2018 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (“DDPS”)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing upcoming changes to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) included in the February 2018 release.

CMS will post an updated Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Error Code Listing spreadsheet to the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) Operations website at <http://www.csscoperations.com>. Please submit questions regarding these updates to PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov.

PDE editing for Cialis

Effective February 18, 2018, CMS will modify current PDE editing for Cialis. Current PDE editing allows for PDEs to be accepted if the strength and dosing are 5mg tablets at 1 tablet per day, or 2.5 mg tablets at 1-2 tablets per day.

Beginning February 18, 2018, for all DOS, CMS will also accept the strength and dosing of 5mg tablets at ½ tablet per day. The message for edit code 745 will not change but the comments/rationale on the PDE Error Code listing spreadsheet will be updated to explain the new change.

Modified PDE editing for the Compound Code

Effective February 18, 2018, CMS will modify current PDE editing for the compound code field on the PDE record. Current editing bypasses edit code 875 for PDEs with a Compound Code of “0” or “unspecified” and a Coverage Gap Discount greater than \$0.

Beginning February 18, 2018, for DOS ≥ January 1, 2015, adjustment and original PDEs submitted with compound code is “0” and Coverage Gap Discount >\$0 will receive edit code 875.

PDEs with compound code of “1” or “Not a Compound” will continue to bypass edit code 875. PDEs with compound code “2” or “Compound” and a Coverage Gap Discount >\$0 will continue to receive edit code 875.

The new edit message is, *“Compound drugs are not eligible to receive the coverage gap discount. For DOS prior to 1/1/2015, compound code must be “1” or “0” if the PDE contains a gap discount. For DOS 1/1/2015 forward, compound code must be “1” if the PDE contains a gap discount”*.

The comments/rationale on the on the PDE Error Code listing spreadsheet will be updated to explain the new change.