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TO: All Medicare Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Opioid Strategy Submissions

As discussed in the CY 2019 Final Call Letter, CMS has significantly expanded its oversight of Medicare Part D plans to ensure compliance with requirements that protect beneficiaries, and can help prevent and address opioid overutilization. All Part D sponsors are expected to have a documented, written strategy for addressing overutilization of prescription opioids.

Sponsors' opioid strategy documents should be submitted on or before June 4, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. PDT via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). A description of the submission layout, consistent with PRA CMS-R-262 (OMB control number: 0938-0763), will be available in the HPMS Formulary Submission Module. Strategy documents will be uploaded from a new page titled "Submit Opioid Strategy" within the Formulary Submission Module. An updated version of the HPMS Formulary Submission Module & Reports Technical Manual will be released to provide detailed instructions for submission prior to the June 4 submission deadline.

For questions related to the submission of Opioid Strategies, please contact Naseem Tarmohamed at Naseem.Tarmohamed@cms.hhs.gov.