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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) and Payment Reconciliation System (PRS) to the New Medicare Card Project Implementation

Previously on May 2, 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Health Plan Management System (HPMS) memorandum titled “Future Updates to the Drug Data Processing System and Payment Reconciliation System to Accommodate the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI).” Since that time, there have been some updates to the information provided in the memorandum that CMS wishes to share with Part D sponsors.

The implementation date of the February DDPS release has changed from February 11, 2018 (as previously published) to February 18, 2018. This means that DDPS will begin accepting Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) in the renamed fields as described in the May 2, 2017 memorandum as of February 18, 2018.

Additionally, beginning with the February 18, 2018 release, DDPS will temporarily suspend issuing edit 710—“The Medicare beneficiary identifier has changed according to CMS records; use the Corrected Medicare beneficiary identifier for future submissions”. The edit will be issued because if a plan is not yet using the MBIs, all of their PDEs will receive the edit code. Although the edit will be temporarily turned off, the return file will continue to provide the MBI when a Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) is submitted. CMS will be monitoring the rate at which Part D plans are submitting MBIs and will determine a date in the future when this edit will be reactivated. This date will be published via the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) listserv notification.

In the previously released memo, we indicated that all DDPS and PRS reports released following the February release date will contain MBI only in the renamed “Medicare beneficiary identifier” fields in each report. This statement is updated to include the caveat that the Dispute Disposition file that is scheduled to be released to Part D plans around February 23, 2018 will be issued with HICNs only. All other files released following the revised February 18, 2018 DDPS release date will contain MBIs.

Questions regarding the updates described in this memo may be directed to the PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov resource mailbox.