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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) January 2019 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the January 2019 Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug payment, which is scheduled for receipt on January 2, 2019.

MARx Operating Calendar for 2019

The MARx operating calendar for 2019 has been completed. Plans can download the calendar from the MAPD Help Desk Homepage:

<https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/CMS-Information-Technology/mapdhelpdesk/MAPD-MARx-Calendars-and-Schedules.html>

2019 National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) / Coordination of Benefits (COB) User Fees

The FY 2019 user fee collection resumes in the January – September 2019 payments. The National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) user fee for MA-PD plans will be 0.036%; the total amount to be collected is \$74.1 million. The NMEC user fee for PDPs will be 0.034%; the total amount to be collected is \$13.7 million. The Coordination of Benefits (COB) user fee will be \$0.116 per Part D member per month.

Transaction Reply Code (TRC) 086

A MARx data cleanup was conducted for plans who did not receive Transaction Reply Code (TRC) 086 (Beneficiary Identifier Change) for beneficiaries who were no longer enrolled in their contract at the time of a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) change. With this data cleanup, MARx will generate the TRC 086 for plans who did not receive the codes. The TRCs will appear on the Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR) with Cleanup ID CS17691.