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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) September 2018 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the September payment, which is scheduled for receipt on September 1, 2018, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

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

For the September payment only, in order to collect the required amounts for the MA-PD National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) User Fee of \$67.5M and the PDP NMEC User fee of \$18.3M in FY18, the collection percentages have changed in the September payment. The percentage used for the MA-PD NMEC was lowered from .039% to .0087%, and the percentage used for the PDP NMEC was raised from .037% to .060%. The monthly Coordination of Benefits (COB) user fee rate remains the same at 12 cents per Part D member.

Third 2015 Final Risk Adjustment Reconciliation

The third final 2015 risk adjustment reconciliation adjustments are included in the September 2018 payment. The updated risk scores are based on diagnoses with dates of service from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The payment adjustments will be located on the September 2018 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with Adjustment Reason Code (ARC) 25 – Part C Risk Adjustment Factor Change/Recon, and ARC 37 – Part D Risk Adjustment Factor Change.

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