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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: November 30, 2018

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) December 2018 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the December payment, which is scheduled for receipt on November 30, 2018, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

Third 2016 Final Risk Adjustment Reconciliation

The third final 2016 risk adjustment reconciliation adjustments are included in the December 2018 payment. The updated risk scores are based on diagnoses with dates of service from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The payment adjustments will be located on the December 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.

Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Invoice Offsets

The CGD invoice offsets resume in the December payment. There are offsets for 2018. They appear in separate lines on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) with an adjustment type code “CGD”.

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 User Fees

The FY 2019 user fee collections resume 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 user fee will be \$0.116 per Part D member per month.

Questions or concerns about any of the information within this letter should be directed to the MAPD Help Desk at MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov, or 1-800-927-8069.

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