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TO: All Part D Plans

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SUBJECT: 2019 Part D Coordination of Benefits (COB) File Updates

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Part D sponsors of upcoming updates to files used in the Coordination of Benefits (COB) process. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing these changes to support compliance with the 36-month Part D COB timeframe required by 42 CFR § 423.466(b).

CMS is expanding the record selection criteria used for generating beneficiary COB records from 27 months to 36 months. We also are modifying both the daily files and the annual full refresh file to include additional information to assist Part D sponsors in matching records and to be consistent with the Transaction Reply Responses (TRRs). The enrollee's Part D 4Rx¹ and the enrollment effective and termination dates are being added to the detail (DTL) record. CMS will send the modified detail record on the daily COB file (MARx Other Health Insurance (OHI) File) starting July 15, 2019. The updated file format will be reflected in the Plan Communication User Guide (PCUG) and is also attached for your information.

The updated file information also will be included in the annual full file refresh that is scheduled to be sent between July 22nd through July 24th. Due to file size constraints, Part D sponsors with a large number of Part D enrollees with other coverage may receive multiple COB files over the three day interval. These files will contain no special identifiers to distinguish them from the normal daily COB notification files. However, they will be identifiable based on the dates of receipt and their large sizes. The daily COB process will cease while full replacement files are being generated. Therefore, the full replacement files will not include record updates that would normally be included in the daily COB notification files.

Please send any questions about this initiative to PartD_COB@cms.hhs.gov.

¹ The 4Rx is the unique identifier for a patient's prescription benefit which includes the RxBIN, Processor Control Number (PCN), Group ID (RxGRP) and Cardholder ID (RxID).

MARx OHI File – Supplemental Drug Coverage Record, Effective July 15, 2019

Data Field	Len	Position	Format	Valid Values
Part D Prescription (Rx) Identification (ID) Number	20	43 – 62	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Rx ID
Part D Rx Group Number	15	63 – 77	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Rx Group
Part D Rx Bank Identification Number (BIN)	6	78 – 83	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Rx BIN
Part D Rx Processor Control Number (PCN)	10	84 – 93	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Rx PCN
Part D Effective Date	8	94 – 101	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Effective Date CCYYMMDD
Part D Termination Date	8	102 – 109	Character	Part D (Contract/PBP) Termination Date If the Part D Contract/PBP is open, the field is populated with all zeroes. CCYYMMDD.