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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Acting Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: January 2019 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing upcoming changes to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS). The updates will be effective on February 1, 2019.

Due to a system modernization update, CMS is creating Informational Edit 850 which states "Claim Control Number contains an untranslatable character so the value will not be returned as received." When a PDE contains an invalid/untranslatable character in the Claim Control Number, DDPS will return a "?" in place of the invalid/untranslatable character. This change will be effective beginning February 1, 2019.

CMS will post an updated Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Error Code Listing spreadsheet to the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) Operations website at <http://www.csscooperations.com> (choose Prescription Drug Event Data => Edits).

Please submit questions regarding these updates to PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov.
Thank you.