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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: July 25, 2018

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

FROM: Jennifer Harlow, Deputy Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: Release Date for Important 2019 Information

On July 31, 2018, CMS plans to release the Part D base beneficiary premium, the Part D national average monthly bid amount, the *de minimis* amount, and other important Part C and Part D information for contract year 2019.

Plans will have from Tuesday, July 31, 2018 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 to complete rebate reallocation and, thereafter, from Wednesday, August 8, 2018 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, August 13, 2018 to inform CMS of their intent to participate in the voluntary *de minimis* program.

Plans will find the release on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Ratebooks-and-Supporting-Data.html>, at the link to "2019."

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