

# Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans Enrollment and Payment Conference

## MBD Eligibility Query

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# CMS Batch Eligibility Query (BEQ)

- Purpose
- Request File
- Response File
- Things to Know
- Summary

# CMS BEQ (continued)

- Purpose
  - To provide a vehicle to submit batches of beneficiaries for timely prescription drug program eligibility determination

# CMS BEQ (continued)

- Request File
  - 1 file to be submitted to CMS per day
  - Files can be sent using Connect:Direct or Gen-Tran Mailbox
  - Header & Trailer Records
    - Contain strong file/batch control, routing & tracking features
    - Include Sending Entity, File Control Number & File Creation Date
  - Detail Record (Transactions)
    - Matching criteria (HICN/RRB or SSN, DOB & Gender)
    - Detail Record Sequence Number (provides ability to track a transaction sent to and received from CMS)

# CMS BEQ (continued)

- Response File

- CMS to generate & transmit 1 response file per day
- Header & Trailer
- Detail Records
  - Original Detail Record
  - Processed Flag
  - Beneficiary Match Flag
  - Medicare Part A Entitlement Start Date
  - Medicare Part A Entitlement End Date
  - Medicare Part B Entitlement Start Date
  - Medicare Part B Entitlement End Date
  - Medicaid Indicator
  - Employer Subsidy Start Date (up to 10 occurrences)
  - Employer Subsidy End Date (up to 10 occurrences)
  - Sending Entity, File Control Number & File Creation Date

# CMS BEQ (continued)

- Things to Know
  - Comprehensive format specifications & instructions distributed include:
    - Header, Trailer & Detail Record formats (including request and response file naming conventions)
    - Formats for each data element (data type, length, etc.)
    - Processing description
    - File & record level error conditions & handling (including Email acknowledgement of file receipt and message as to whether CMS can or cannot process the file)
  - Latest draft “BEQ Format Specifications & Instructions” are available on CSMM Website (<http://mmahelp.cms.gov/mmahelp>)
  - BEQ available beginning 11/15/05

# CMS BEQ Summary

- Ability to request eligibility for multiple beneficiaries
- Comprehensive instructions included with file format specifications