



MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations and Demonstrations

FROM: Thomas Hutchinson /s/
Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) December 2008 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information related to the December 2008 payment scheduled for December 1, 2008.

Quarterly Medicaid Update

The quarterly update of default risk adjustment factors for Medicaid status was included in your December payment. You will see transaction reply codes of 77 and transaction type codes of 30 on the TRR and adjustment reason codes of 10 on the MMR.

MARx 2009 Monthly Schedule

The MARx Monthly Processing Schedule for 2009 was previously released in the End of Year Enrollment and Payment Processing letter released on November 7 from HPMS. It is also posted on the mmahelp website. It provides the “Plan Data Due” dates for each month, the dates the Monthly reports will be available, as well as the days the MARx online will not be available. It also includes due dates for the required monthly enrollment/payment attestations. Note the first payment for the year will be wired on January 2, 2009.

Enrollment and Payment Contact Changes

The Division of Payment Operations (DPO) has split into two divisions. DPO will be handling payment operations and the Division of Prospective Payment (DPP) will be handling enrollment operations.

The DPO contact list has been updated to reflect changes in regional assignments and is attached. Payment problems, payment operations issues and payment report questions go to DPO.

Enrollment policy questions go to your Account Manager and enrollment technical/systems questions go to the MMA Help Desk. If the Help Desk can't respond they will log a Remedy ticket and send it to the appropriate CMS enrollment contact in DPP who will research and respond.

Requests for retroactive file processing should be called into MMA Help, who will provide a ticket for tracking to the plan. DPP staff will review the requests and contact the caller.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please feel free to contact your DPO representative per the attached list.

Attachment

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