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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Plan Preview of Updated Part D Plan Ratings Data for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder

Beginning in May, Medicare beneficiaries can view updated Part D plan ratings via the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF). This memo is to inform Part D sponsors that you can now preview your updated data in HPMS prior to display on the MPDPF on Medicare.gov. For most measures, the data have been updated to reflect performance for the entire 2008 calendar year.

To access the Performance Measures Preview in HPMS, from the left navigation bar select: “Quality and Performance”, then “Part D Performance Metrics and Reports” and then “Part D Report Card Master Table”.

Please email any comments or questions to PartDMetrics@cms.hhs.gov and include “Plan Ratings Master Table” and a Contract ID in the subject line. Comments and questions will be addressed on a rolling basis and must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, April 2, 2009. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensure the success of the Medicare Part D program.