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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Cheri Rice
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Subject: 2009 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

CMS completed the calculations for the 2009 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation. The calculations were performed in accordance with §1860D-14 and §1860D-15 of the Social Security Act and associated regulations and guidance. The reconciliation calculations utilize all Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data received by 1:00 PM EDT on June 30, 2010 and accepted in the Drug Data Processing System; all prospective payments made for Part D net of all adjustments processed through the September 2010 payment; and DIR information received in the Health Plan Management System by August 23, 2010.

The payment reconciliation reports will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Monday, October 4, 2010. If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at (877) 534-2772.

Payment adjustments to remit and recover these calculated reconciliation amounts are planned for the November 2010 payment. Payment adjustments are contingent on receipt of the Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor- CY 2009 and the Attestation of Plan-to-Plan Reconciliation Payment Data- CY 2009, which were due by September 17, 2010. If the attestations were not received, the payment adjustment will not occur in the November 2010 payment. The payment will occur after the attestations are received.

The regulations provide for appeal rights at 42 C.F.R. §423.350. Appeals are filed when a plan sponsor does not believe that CMS applied its stated payment methodology correctly. Refer to the reopenings and appeals guidance, which was released through HPMS on May 8, 2008, for additional information on the process for filing an appeal. If you wish to appeal, your request must be filed and received by October 19, 2010. Requests for appeal should be addressed to Cheri Rice, and sent to the Reconciliation Support Contractor, Strategic Health Solutions (Strategic):

StrategicHealthSolutions, LLC
10040 Regency Circle, Suite 150
Omaha, NE 68114

If you intend to send your appeal electronically, submit the appeal to Strategic at PartDPaymentReview@strategichs.com.

CMS may reopen final payment determinations. Part D Sponsors can submit requests for reopening, as instructed in the May 8, 2008 HPMS memo referenced above. Any requests received from Part D Sponsors prior to the release of the final payment determination are not considered valid requests for reopening. The Part D Sponsor will have to resubmit the request and the reopening request spreadsheet in accordance with the guidance in the May 8, 2008 memo.

Any questions regarding this memo can be sent to Strategic.