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**DATE:** August 22, 2014

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

**FROM:** Cheri Rice  
Director

**SUBJECT:** Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) September 2014 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the September payment, which is scheduled for receipt on September 2, 2014, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 User Fees**

September is the last month to collect the FY 2014 user fees. The percentages for the National Medicare Education Campaign user fees are estimates based on expected enrollment throughout the year. The rate percentages are adjusted in September to ensure CMS collects the total user fee amount required by law. For September 2014, the Medicare Advantage Plan rate increased from .044% to .060% in order to collect the required \$57.1 million, and the Prescription Drug Plan rate increased from .043% to .134% in order to collect the required \$16.5 million. No Coordination of Benefits user fees were collected in FY 2014.

**Health Information Technology for Economic & Clinical Health Act (HITECH)**

**Bonus Payment Adjustments**

Several plans participating in the Electronic Health Records Incentive Program will receive adjustments to their 2011 and/or 2012 incentive payments in the September 2014 payment. The incentive payment adjustment is for the Plan's Medicare Advantage Eligible Professionals (not for any incentive payments made to Medicare Advantage Eligible Hospitals under the program). The payment amounts are shown on the Plan Payment Report with adjustment type "HTC." The data file contains Adjustment Type codes in field 53.

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