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TO: All Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans

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SUBJECT: Public Release of Part D Plan Enrollment Data

In the coming weeks the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will release Part D plan enrollment data to the public. Prior to this announcement we are making available the data that will form the basis of the public announcement. Please follow the instructions below to review your plan's information.

To access your plan preview, use the following navigation path in HPMS: HPMS Homepage > Contract Management > Part D Enrollment Data Preview. There you will find four items listed: your contract number, the contract's Part D enrollment figure as of April 18, 2006, the organization marketing name associated with the contract as listed in HPMS, and the associated parent organization name as listed in HPMS.

Please note that the parent organization name in HPMS is maintained by CMS, while the organization marketing name is maintained by your organization. To change your organization marketing name, use the following path: HPMS Homepage > Contract Management > Contract Management > Select a Contract Number > Organization Marketing Data.

At this time we are providing your contract's Part D enrollment figure for review. (For MA plans that offer Part D and MA-only options within a contract, the enrollment figure represents total enrollment across all the Part D-offering PBPs). CMS will publicly report enrollment data rolled up to either the organization marketing name or parent organization name. This means all contracts with the same organization marketing name offered by one parent organization will be rolled up and one aggregate enrollment figure for those combined contracts will be displayed. In your review, please keep in mind the following:

- The enrollment figure displayed for review includes both current and future enrollees (enrollees with an enrollment effective date in the future are counted). Note: for this reason, these figures will not be the same as those provided on the Monthly Membership Report.
- If a current enrollee is enrolled in another contract with a future effective date, that beneficiary will be counted in the future plan.
- The numbers displayed in HPMS do not reflect the enrollment reconciliation process currently underway (although final publicly displayed figures will reflect this process).
- In addition to the rollup described above, enrollment figures publicly displayed will be rounded to the nearest 100. Plans with fewer than 100 enrollees (after aggregation) will not be displayed. Plans with less than 1% of the total enrollment (after aggregation) in the service area represented in the table will not be displayed. Employer-sponsored PDPs will not be included. Tables by county, state, or region will exclude beneficiaries from the counts when the government address on record is either (1) outside the service area of the plan or (2) invalid. The data available for your review is as of April 18, 2006, whereas the public announcement will use more recent data. Beneficiaries whose PBP number is missing in our data system will not be counted.

For all of these reasons, the data that will be displayed publicly will be different from the number currently available for your review and different from your internal counts. Nevertheless, in an effort to alert you to CMS' intention to publicly release enrollment information; we are making these preliminary data available.

Thank you.