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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Medicare Part D Plans

From: Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D., Director, Medicare Drug Benefit Group

Subject: 2008 Plan Year Pricing Data Requirements - Reference Pricing File

If your organization submitted a Plan Benefit Package (PBP) for the 2008 plan year which indicates that your contract uses reference pricing; a Reference Pricing file that is consistent with 2008 Data Requirements must be submitted along with your pricing and pharmacy data files. Your organization will be considered out of compliance, if the Reference Pricing File is not submitted or is not consistent with the 2008 Data Requirements. **All NDCs included in your submitted Reference Pricing file MUST match the NDCs listed on the Formulary Reference NDC List.**

The 2008 test windows that are part of the data submission requirements are to assist your organization to ensure that your data is available with other plans when released publicly in October. These tests also help ensure that your organization is prepared to meet its contractual obligation to provide accurate plan and pricing information to CMS for its use in educating beneficiaries about their Part D plan options this fall.

It is strongly recommended that the 2008 Plan Year Pricing Data Requirements and Schedule for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder document be thoroughly reviewed by your organization. This document was emailed to all plans this past Spring and is also available at the following URL:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/03_RxContracting_FormularyGuidance.asp .

As a reminder, the third test submission window is from August 9, 2007 12:01 AM PT to August 10, 2007 12:59 PM PT and is required for all Part D plans. Failure to submit all required data files will render your organization out of compliance with CMS data submission requirements.