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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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**SUBJECT: Changes to the Implementation Schedule for the MARx Redesign & Modernization (R&M) Release**

CMS is adjusting the release schedule for R&M from April 18, 2011 to May 3, 2011. Please note the following revised dates in preparation for the transition to the new MARx operating environment:

4/22	Last occurrence of Monthly TRR available
4/27	Last day for Plan submission, using the Pre-R&M format
4/29	Last occurrence of the weekly TRR in Pre-R&M Format
4/28 – 5/02	CMS will not accept any data from Plan users
5/03	Go live date is targeted
5/13	Updated Plan Data Due Date (cut-off) for June Payment
5/23 (COB)	June Monthly Payment Reports (new format) available

Attached is a revised Plan R&M Implementation Schedule which replaces Table 45 in the MARx User Interface (UI) Handbook originally published on March 17, 2011. Please note the revised Plan Data Due Date (systems cut-off for June payment) of May 13, 2011.

Please direct questions to the MAPD Help Desk by email at: [mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov) or by calling 1-800-927-8069. Plans may also contact the R&M Project Team by email at: [R\\_M\\_Projects@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:R_M_Projects@cms.hhs.gov).

**Plan R&M Schedule (Table 45) – MARx User Interface Handbook**  
*Table Updated 04/07/2011*

<b>Important dates for Plan submission and R&amp;M Implementation</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Time [EST]</b>	<b>Description</b>
February 9th	Plan User Call: Second Weds of month	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
February 23rd	Plan User Call: Last Weds of month	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
March 30th	Webinar: for Plan Training	3:30 to 5 p.m.	
April 4th	IACS: Plan Users begin registration for UI Update role	8 a.m.	
April 8th	Plan Data Due for May 2011 CPM	8 p.m.	May Payment
April 22nd	Last Monthly TRR Monthly Payment Reports available	8 a.m.	May Payment
April 27th	Last day for Plan data submission: Pre-R&M file format	8 p.m.	June Payment
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>R&amp;M Implementation – MARx Unavailable for CMS/Plan users</b>		
April 29th	Weekly Reports will be available. This will be the last occurrence of the Weekly TRR.	12 noon (approx)	
May 3rd	First day for Plans to submit data using R&M file format	8 a.m.	June Payment, CCM-3 to CCM+3 begins.
May 13th	Plan Data Date Due (Cutoff for June 2011 CPM )	8 p.m.	June Payment
May 23rd	1) Monthly Payment Reports available: R&M file format. 2) First Failed Payment Reply Report available	COB	June Payment