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## **Center for Beneficiary Choices**

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Date: January 4, 2006

To: Medicare Advantage Plans  
Medicare Cost Plans

From: CMS, Division of Website Project Management

RE: Plan Preview Dates for January – March Updates to the Medicare Personal Plan Finder

The plan preview dates for the Medicare Personal Plan Finder (MPPF) for January through March are as follows (but are subject to change upon notice from CMS):

- For the January 19 update to MPPF, the plan preview dates will begin on **Thursday, January 5, 2006 and last through Friday, January 6, 2006.**
- For the February 16 update to MPPF, the plan preview dates will begin on **Friday, February 3, 2006 and last through Monday, February 6, 2006.**
- For the March 16 update to MPPF, the plan preview dates will begin on **Friday, March 3, 2006 and last through Monday, March 6, 2006.**

Please note that the MPPF preview includes data on Medicare Advantage and Medicare Cost Plans (H# or R#); it does not include data on Prescription Drug Plans (S#).

All Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Cost Plan that filed a 2006 Plan Benefit Package are encouraged to preview their plan data for the MPPF. However, keep in mind the following:

- If your plan benefit data is currently displayed on MPPF and you want it to continue to be displayed, you can either do nothing during the preview periods or you can “concur” during the preview and your data will continue to be displayed on the web.
- If your plan benefit data is currently suppressed on MPPF and you want it to continue to be suppressed, you can either do nothing during the preview periods or you can “non-concur” during the preview and your benefit data will continue to be suppressed on the web.

- If your plan benefit data is currently suppressed on MPPF and you want it to be un-suppressed, you must conduct a preview during this time period and you must concur during the preview in order for your data to be un-suppressed.

To preview plan data, access the MPPF Benefits Preview on HPMS through the Plan Bids link. Then, select the CY2006 link on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions from there.

Please remember that if your plan name or contact information is not displaying correctly in the MPPF, you are responsible for changing this information in HPMS so that MPPF will display the correct information.

- To change your Customer Service Contact for Prospective Members phone number (which is what is used on the web site), follow this path:

Plan Bids>Bid Submission>Manage Plans>Edit Contact Data

- To change your Plan Name or Plan Geographic Name, follow this path:

Plan Bids>Bid Submission>Manage Plans>Edit Marketing Data

If you have any comments or questions about how your 2006 plan data appears during your preview, please send them to [compchart@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:compchart@cms.hhs.gov). If you have any problems accessing your data during the preview, please contact the HPMS Help Desk.