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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2006

To: All Part D Sponsors

From: Aaron Eaton, Acting Director Division of Finance and Operations

Subject: March Update of the Formulary Reference NDC File for CY 2007 Formulary Submissions

The Formulary Reference NDC File (FRF) has been updated to include additional part D covered drugs and remove obsolete or excluded drugs based in part on industry feedback. Attached are two files that relate to this update: 1) the Formulary Reference File with the cumulative list of drugs and 2) the Formulary Reference File Change Report containing a list of drug record changes since the last posted Reference File dated March 17, 2006. This supplementary file features one extra column to indicate the type of change as either a record addition or deletion from the Formulary Reference NDC File.

The two Formulary Reference File attachments accompanying this notice will be available for download within the Formulary Module in HPMS and on the following page: (http://new.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/03_RxContracting_FormularyGuidance.asp). For your convenience, an NDC Crosswalk File will also be available for download within the HPMS Formulary Module. This file provides a sample list of NDCs that can be linked to the Proxy NDC Code. These linked NDCs are intended to be used only as a guide for drug identification and should not be used to create the formulary files submitted in HPMS.

Any questions regarding the Formulary Reference NDC File should be directed to Aaron Eaton (aaron.eaton@cms.hhs.gov) at 410-786-2058 or Kady Flannery (kathleen.flannery@cms.hhs.gov) at 410-786-6722.