



Medicare Plan Payment Group

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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Plan-to-Plan (P2P) Reconciliation Implementation - Phase I

CMS is prepared to begin the facilitation of P2P Reconciliation beginning August 13th, 2006. Systems modifications will be implemented the weekend of August 12th, 2006. Data submitted and received to the Prescription Drug Front-end System (PDFS) after 3:00am 8/12/2006 will be held for processing at CMS until the data conversions and code changes for P2P have been successfully loaded. Any PDE data submitted after the 3:00am 8/12 cycle will be processed using the P2P processing logic and generate the P2P accounting reports.

The file submission will generate the normal Response Report from PDFS in the normal timeframes. However, delays should be expected for the DDPS return file during the week of August 14 as the system upgrades are implemented. CMS will hold all files for processing until the completion of the upgrade process, which is anticipated to last several days. Plans can expect to see new information on reports with the addition of the P2P logic. There will be a field populated in the return detail record(s) indicating the Plan of record (DET record 40, position 441-445). Three new edits will be effective with the implementation of P2P;

- 708 – Submitter contract differs from contract of record; this PDE is subject to Plan to Plan reconciliation. (Informational)
- 709 – Submitter contract differs from contract of record; this PDE is not subject to Plans to Plan reconciliation. (Informational)
- 710 – Updated HICN. (Informational)

Reports reflecting the accumulated monthly P2P data submissions will be distributed mid-month following the data submission month (i.e., P2P data submitted in August will be accumulated for the month and distributed mid-to-late-September). Additional information, file layout and reports, are available on the customer service website <http://www.csscooperations.com/new/pdic/reports/reports>.

Test reports with “dummy” data will be distributed to the Plans designated mail boxes or datasets by PDFS. Please subscribe to the csscooperations@palmettogba.com to be notified of the report distribution.

CMS requires that each Plan enter a P2P reconciliation contact person in HPMS. To facilitate P2P Reconciliation, CMS will share the P2P Reconciliation Contact list with all Plans. Specific directions for HPMS data entry will be published separately.

Technical instructions for Plan to Plan Reconciliation Phase I are available on our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DrugCoverageClaimsData> Prescription Drug Event Data Guidance. Additionally, CMS will host a satellite broadcast on September 7th, 2006 covering the facilitation of P2P Reconciliation. More information on the broadcast will be available via HPMS in the coming weeks. Questions on P2P reconciliation should be directed to either Sandra.Anderson@cms.hhs.gov or Jeffrey.Grant@cms.hhs.gov.