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Date: November 2, 2006
To: Part D Plan Sponsors
From: Timothy P. Walsh, Director
Website Project Management Group
Subject: Important Notes identifying plans with extended pharmacy networks.

CMS recognizes that several drug plans have extended pharmacy network coverage for prescription drugs and this can especially be valuable to Medicare beneficiaries that travel. To assist with informing Medicare beneficiaries regarding extended network coverage, CMS has developed two “important notes” that will display on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder for plans with such coverage:

- This is a regional plan that offers national coverage. You can use this plan to get your prescription drugs in any of the 50 states across the country.
- This is a regional plan that offers coverage only in certain areas of the country. You can use this plan to get your prescription drugs only in those specified areas. If you reside in two different locations throughout the year, you will need to contact the plan directly to make sure this plan offers prescription drug coverage in both locations.

If either of these notes matches the coverage offered through any of your organization’s plans, please email both Thomas.dudley@cms.hhs.gov and Juliette.toure@cms.hhs.gov with the following information by 4:00 PM on November 7:

- The contract ID and plan ID for any plan that will display one of the two notes listed above.
- A contact name, telephone, and email for an individual within your organization regarding any questions that CMS may have regarding your selection.
- The note that best matches the coverage offered under your plans.

If you have questions regarding this message or need to verify that you are taking the appropriate actions, please email Thomas.dudley@cms.hhs.gov or Juliette.Toure@cms.hhs.gov.