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To: All Part D Sponsors

Subject: CMS Offices Closed on January 2, 2007 and Reporting of
Emergency/Non Technical Part D Issues

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CMS will be closed on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in tribute to former President Gerald R. Ford.

CMS is setting up Account Management contingency support for this day, emergency/non-technical issues should be reported to drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov. Technical issues should be directed to the MMA help desk. The MMA help desk will be operation on a normal schedule (6AM – 9 PM ET). Plans can contact the MMA help desk by calling 1.800.927.8069 or email at mmahelp@cms.hhs.gov.

When reporting an emergency/non-technical issue, the plan should include the following data elements:

1. Plan Name and Contract Number
2. CMS Account Manager
3. Description of the emergency/non-technical issue, including the number of beneficiaries impacted
4. Description of your efforts to resolve the issue
5. Plan contact information (name and phone number) for CMS follow-up.

CMS is very pleased to be working with the industry on the second year of the Part D Prescription Drug Benefit. We appreciate your cooperative spirit and remain committed to working with plans to ensure that beneficiaries have access to Part D drugs at all times in the upcoming year.