

Proposed Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending December 15, 2006

HPMS Announcement

Title: Conference Call with Abby L. Block on CY 2008 MA Part C Advance Notice Topics

Date: 12/12/06

Please join Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, for a conference call on Monday, December 18, from 1 p.m. to 2 pm. EST, to discuss Part C payment issues that may appear in the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2008 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Part D Payment Policies. The Advance Notice for 2008 is scheduled for release February 16, 2007.

Similar to last year's call for the 2007 Notice, this call is intended to provide information on issues we are considering for the Notice. Discussion will be pre-decisional.

Note: In this call, we will not address Part D topics that may be addressed in the Notice. The focus is on Part C topics.

Dial-in Information:

Toll Free #: 1-888-455-3614

Pass Code: Industry

Thank you.

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Title: Immediate Action Complaints Holiday Turn Around Time Requirement

Date: 12/14/06

Due to the upcoming holiday, CMS will allow an extra day for the resolution of the immediate action complaints.

- For casework from 12/22 that uploads into the CTM on 12/23, the immediate need cases are to be closed out by 12/26 before mid-night
- For casework from 12/29 that loads on 12/30, the immediate need cases are to be closed out by 1/2/07 before mid-night.

Title: 2007 Model Medicare Advantage Provider Directory – Follow-Up

Date: 12/14/06

Summary: The model MA Provider Directory is intended for use by all MA Organizations, 1876 Cost Plans and Health Plan Demonstrations to explain how to receive care and provide a listing of doctors, specialists, hospitals and pharmacies. While use of the model is optional, organizations are strongly encouraged to use the model language without modification and will receive a 10-day review.

Title: November 3rd HPMS Complaints Tracking Module Release (CTM) and Update to CTM Plan Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Date: 12/15/06

Summary: On November 3, 2006, CMS implemented several enhancements to the HPMS Complaints Tracking Module (CTM). Your organization will find the following enhancements in the HPMS CTM.

Title: Medicare Part D HPMS Reporting Requirements for Contract Year 2007

Date: 12/15/06

Summary: This is to notify Part D Sponsors that CY 2007 Reporting Requirements are posted at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/PartDReportingRequirements_NextYear.pdf This version is pending final OMB approval, and reflects any enhancements or clarifications made as a result of multiple public comment periods during 2006. CMS greatly appreciates the feedback provided by plans, industry, advocacy groups, and other Part D stakeholders, and considered all comments and suggestions during the finalization of these requirements for CY 2007.