

**Summary of HPMS Releases**  
For the week ending October 6, 2006

**Title: Single State Licensure Waivers for 2008 – Submission of State Application**

**Date: 9/29/06**

**Summary:** If you are submitting a new application to become a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) sponsor with the contract beginning January 1, 2008, CMS can no longer grant "special waivers" of the risk bearing license requirement pursuant to 42 CFR §423.410(d). Special waivers for PDP sponsors requesting a service area expansion for 2008 which includes states that don't currently hold a risk license also won't be granted. If you need to submit a waiver for one of these situations, you will need to apply for a licensure waiver on the basis of the authority provided under 42 CFR §423.410(b) or (c).

**Title: Special TRR Communication – Week-at-a-Glance October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Date: 10/2/06**

**Summary:** WAAG for the week of October 2nd, 2006.

This communication describes the Special TRRs that CMS is preparing to send to Plans during the week of October 2, 2006.

**Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) October Payment - INFORMATION**

**Date: 10/2/06**

**Summary:** The correspondence provides information related to the plan's October payment and related MARx processing issues.

**Title: Q & A - Clarification regarding Part D drug definition**

**Date: 10/3/06**

**Summary:** Q: Are inhaler supplies or accessories, such as Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI) actuators or chambers, included within the definition of a Part D drug and available for reimbursement by a Part D Sponsor?

**Title: Updated Complaint Tracking Module (CTM) Guidance on Standard Operating Procedures**

**Date: 10/3/06**

**Summary:** Thank you for your continued efforts to quickly resolve beneficiary complaints related to the Medicare prescription drug benefit. Attachment A outlines updated Part D Plan user standard operating procedures (SOP) for the Complaints Tracking Module (CTM), which incorporates the new CTM enhancements released on September 1, 2006 and specifies **certain** enrollment/disenrollment complaint procedures.

**Title: Synchronization of Beneficiary Premium Withhold and Direct Bill Status**

**Date: 10/4/06**

**Summary:** The correspondence provides policy guidance for billing members who had requested that their plan premiums be withheld from their Social Security checks and technical information on the synchronization of member premium billing status including new MARx full enrollment file layout.

**Title: Q & A - Patient Assistance Programs**

**Date: 10/4/06**

**Summary:** Q: Can patient assistance programs (PAPs) provide assistance with Part D drug costs to Part D enrollees outside of the Part D benefit and without counting towards TrOOP?

**Title: Q & A - Claims for MTMP services**

**Date: 10/5/06**

**Summary:** Q: When a Provider submits a claim to a Part D sponsor for a clinical service provided as part of a Medication Therapy Management Program (MTMP), should they submit the claim using the NCPDP 5.1 transaction standard or must they use the (ASC) X12N 837P Version 4010/4010A1 transaction standard?

**Title: CY 2006 and CY 2007 Formulary Changes – New October Submission Window and Policy on Enhancements Added Between the October and February Submissions**

**Date: 10/6/06**

**Summary:** CMS has made arrangements to offer Part D plan sponsors one additional opportunity to enhance formularies prior to the beginning of the coordinated election period. This open October submission period is for formulary enhancements only and will be available from 12:00AM EDT on October 9, 2006 through 11:59PM EDT on October 13, 2006.