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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 17, 2006

To: All Part D Sponsors

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Subject: **REVISED** - Posting of Draft 2008 Prescription Drug Plan Solicitations for Public Comment

We have posted draft 2008 Prescription Drug Plan solicitations for public comment. CMS welcomes comments from the public on all items set forth in these documents. This posting includes the specific applications and solicitations listed below. Comments are most useful if organized by the application or solicitation and section/header to which they apply (see below).

Comments on these materials must be received via email at the indicated addresses no later than 5:00 PM EST, November 20, 2006.

A summary of the changes from the 2007 solicitation to the Draft 2008 solicitations along with the Part D Applications are posted at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04_RxContracting_ApplicationsGuidance.asp#TopOfPage.

Send comments on the following applications to PARTDappcomments@cms.hhs.gov:

- Draft 2008 Solicitation for Applications for New Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors
- Draft 2008 Solicitation for New Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors
- Draft 2008 Solicitation for Applications for New Cost Based Plan-Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors
- Draft 2008 Part D Service Area Expansion Application for PDP and MA-PD Sponsors

A summary of the changes from the 2007 solicitation to the Draft 2008 Employer Only Group Waiver Plan Applications are posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EmpGrpWaivers>.

Send comments on the following applications to EMPLOYERappcomments@cms.hhs.gov:

- Draft 2008 Application for NEW PDP Sponsors to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs)
- Draft 2008 Application for EXISTING PDP Sponsors to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs)
- Draft 2008 Application for Cost Plan Sponsors to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs)
- Draft 2008 Solicitation for Applications for New Employer/Union Direct Contract Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors
- Draft 2008 Solicitation for Applications for New Employer/Union Direct Contract Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors

If you have questions during this comment period, please contact the following individuals:

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For Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan issues – Marye Isaacs at (410) 786-3276 (marye.isaacs@cms.hhs.gov) or Julian Nadolny at (410) 786-2274 (julian.nadolny@cms.hhs.gov).

We look forward to receiving your comments and appreciate your efforts to help us prepare for the 2008 application/solicitation season.