

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending October 27, 2006

Title: REMINDER - Invitation to Provide Feedback on the CY 2007 Bid Submission Process in HPMS and the CY 2007 Bid Pricing (Actuarial) Requirements

Date: 10/13/06

Summary: CMS invites all Medicare Advantage (MA), demonstration, 1876 cost, and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) organizations to provide feedback on the Contract Year (CY) 2007 bid submission process in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS).

Title: 2007 Risk Adjustment Data, Enrollment and Payment, & PDE Data Training Update

Date: 10/16/06

Summary: This memo addresses the distribution of information to MA and PDP organizations on training and risk adjustment user groups for 2006/2007.

Title: CMS Webcast on Part D Reconsideration Case Studies with the Independent Review Contractor – November 7, 2006

Date: 10/18/06

Summary: CMS will host a webcast on November 7, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. EST for Part D plans that will focus on how the Part D independent review contractor processes specific types of cases, particularly those involving medical necessity determinations. Case studies will be presented by the Part D independent review contractor, Maximus Federal Services.

Title: Subject: Complaints Data Weekend Upload Schedule Change

Date: 10/20/06

Summary: Beginning October 29, 2006, CMS will load complaints received by 1-800-MEDICARE on Saturday and Sunday into the Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) on Mondays. Data uploads for all other days will continue as usual.

Title: Attestation of Part D Pricing Approach

Date: 10/23/06

Summary: This communication provides guidance to the Part D Plan Sponsors on how to submit the required attestation which identifies the pricing approaches that were used in the development of their 2006 and 2007 Part D bids.

Title: Access to Complaints Tracking Module (CTM)

Date: 10/23/06

Summary: All Part D plans must use the Complaint Tracking Module (CTM) through the Health Plan Management system (HPMS) to track, and resolve complaints about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. As a new plan for 2007, you must request CTM access by Tuesday, October 31, 2006 so you can begin resolving complaints attributed to your contract(s).

Title: Formulary Drugs Missing Pricing Data on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder

Date: 10/24/06

Summary: CMS' quality assurance process of 2007 plan year pricing files for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF) has identified a new issue. Some Part D Sponsors have failed to include pricing data for a subset of their formulary drugs. This type of error results in the display of retail pricing for these formulary drugs, and therefore CMS will suppress the affected Sponsors' pricing data from display on the MPDPF.