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## CENTER FOR BENEFICIARY CHOICES

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 9, 2006

**To:** All Part D Sponsors (except Employer and PACE Plans)

**From:** Cynthia Tudor, Ph.D., Director, Medicare Drug Benefit Group

**Subject:** Important Schedule Changes for 2007 drug pricing data submissions

Beginning on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, CMS will be changing the schedule for the regular data submissions for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF). Starting at this time, Part D Sponsors will submit data files to DestinationRx on Tuesdays. This change, from the current Wednesday submissions is intended to provide additional time for data error identification, communication, and correction by Part D Sponsors.

Please see Attachment 1 for a revised calendar of data submission requirements.

We believe this additional opportunity is critical to ensuring the accuracy of the data provided to Medicare beneficiaries. We appreciate your continued cooperation in implementing the Medicare drug benefit. Questions regarding this guidance should be directed via email to [Alice.Leemartin@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Alice.Leemartin@cms.hhs.gov) and [Stacy.Matheny@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Stacy.Matheny@cms.hhs.gov).

Attachment 1. Revised Schedule of Submissions

# November 2006

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed                                 | Thu                    | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
|   |                                      | 1                                   | 2                      | 3   |
| 6<br><b>10/25 Data<br/>Posted on the<br/>Drug Plan Finder</b> | 7                                    | 8<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 9                      | 10  |
| 13  | 14                                   | 15                                  | 16                     | 17  |
| 20<br><b>11/8 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 21<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 22                                  | 23<br>Thanksgiving Day | 24  |
| 27  | 28                                   | 29                                  | 30                     |     |

# December 2006

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|   |                                      |     |     | 1   |
| 4<br><b>11/21 Data<br/>Posted on the<br/>Drug Plan Finder</b> | 5<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b>  | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 11  | 12                                   | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 18<br><b>12/5 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 19<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 25<br>Christmas   | 26                                   | 27  | 28  | 29  |

# January 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                      | Wed       | Thu       | Fri       |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day<br/>12/19 Data<br/>Posted on the<br/>Drug Plan Finder</p>        | <p>2</p> <p>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</p>  | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p>  |
| <p>8</p>  | <p>9</p>                                 | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day<br/>1/2 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>22</p>   | <p>23</p>                                | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>1/16 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</p>                           | <p>30</p> <p>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</p> | <p>31</p> |           |           |

# February 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed                   | Thu                         | Fri                |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|   |                                      |                       | 1                           | 2<br>Groundhog Day |
| 5   | 6                                    | 7                     | 8                           | 9                  |
| 12<br>Lincoln's Birthday<br><b>1/30 Data<br/>Posted on the<br/>Drug Plan Finder</b> | 13<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15                          | 16                 |
| 19<br>President's Day   | 20<br>Mardi Gras                     | 21                    | 22<br>Washington's Birthday | 23                 |
| 26<br><b>2/13 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b>                       | 27<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 28                    |                             |                    |

# March 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|   |                                      |     | 1   | 2   |
| 5   | 6                                    | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 12<br><b>2/27 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 13<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 14  | 15  | 16  |
| 19  | 20                                   | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| 26<br><b>3/13 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 27<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 28  | 29  | 30  |

# April 2007

| Mon  | Tue                          | Wed | Thu | Fri              |
|--|------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|
| 2  | 3                            | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Good Friday |
| 9<br>3/27 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder  | 10<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data | 11  | 12  | 13               |
| 16   | 17                           | 18  | 19  | 20               |
| 23<br>4/10 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 24<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data | 25  | 26  | 27               |
| 30   |                              |     |     |                  |

# May 2007

| Mon   | Tue                          | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|   | 1                            | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 7<br>4/24 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 8<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data  | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 14  | 15                           | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 21<br>5/8 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 22<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 28<br>Memorial Day                                  | 29                           | 30  | 31  |     |

# June 2007

| Mon   | Tue                          | Wed | Thu            | Fri |
|---|------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
|   |                              |     |                | 1   |
| 4<br>5/22 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 5<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data  | 6   | 7              | 8   |
| 11  | 12                           | 13  | 14<br>Flag Day | 15  |
| 18<br>6/5 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 19<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data | 20  | 21             | 22  |
| 25  | 26                           | 27  | 28             | 29  |

# July 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed                   | Thu | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| 2<br><b>6/19 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b>  | 3<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b>  | 4<br>Independence Day | 5   | 6   |
| 9   | 10                                   | 11                    | 12  | 13  |
| 16<br><b>7/3 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b>  | 17<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 18                    | 19  | 20  |
| 23  | 24                                   | 25                    | 26  | 27  |
| 30<br><b>7/17 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 31<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> |                       |     |     |

# August 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|   |                                      | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 6   | 7                                    | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 13<br><b>7/31 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 14<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 20  | 21                                   | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 27<br><b>8/14 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b> | 28<br><b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b> | 29  | 30  | 31  |

# September 2007

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Labor Day<br>3  | 4                                    | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| <b>8/28 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b><br>10 | <b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b><br>11 | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 17  | 18                                   | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| <b>9/11 Data Posted<br/>on the Drug Plan<br/>Finder</b><br>24 | <b>Submit<br/>Pricing Data</b><br>25 | 26  | 27  | 28  |
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# October 2007

| Mon   | Tue                          | Wed             | Thu | Fri |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2                            | 3               | 4   | 5   |
| 8<br>Columbus Day<br>9/25 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder | 9<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data  | 10              | 11  | 12  |
| 15  | 16                           | 17              | 18  | 19  |
| 22<br>10/9 Data Posted<br>on the Drug Plan<br>Finder                | 23<br>Submit<br>Pricing Data | 24              | 25  | 26  |
| 29  | 30                           | 31<br>Halloween |     |     |

