

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending January 26, 2007

Title: 2007 Employer Group Waiver – Modification of the 2008 Service Area Extension Waiver Granted to Certain MA Local Coordinated Care Plans

Date: 1/23/07

Summary: CMS has granted a modification of the previously issued (11/13/06) 2008 service area extension waiver policy for certain public employers with non-calendar plan years beginning in 2007. This service area extension can be used by local MA coordinated care plans beginning in 2007 to offer coverage to public employers with plan years that operate on a non-calendar year cycle (e.g. July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 fiscal year cycle).

Title: CMS 2007 Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Information and Reconciling LIS Status

Date: 1/23/07

Summary: In a January 8, 2007 communication sent via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS), the CMS Office for Information Services (OIS) notified all Part D plan sponsors that, while the Full Enrollment Eligibility File transmitted on December 14, 2006 contained accurate enrollment data, the file may not have reflected all the beneficiaries in your plan who are eligible for LIS in 2007. Because of a timing issue, the updates to the 2007 LIS for less than 50,000 beneficiaries were not reflected in the file. Thus, rather than relying on the December 14 file for definitive LIS information, plans were directed to refer to their December 20, 2006 Bi-Weekly LIS File, as well as their weekly Transaction Reply Reports (TRRs), all of which accurately reflect the plan's LIS beneficiaries, LIS effective dates, and subsidy data.

Title: 2007 Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Income and Resource Standards

Date: 1/23/07

Summary: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with updated income and resource standards for individuals who apply for the low-income subsidy for Medicare Part D. CMS is required by law to update the Part D income and resource limits each year.

Title: January Update of the Formulary Reference NDC File for CY 2007 Formulary Submissions

Date: 1/23/07

Summary: The Formulary Reference NDC File (FRF) has been updated to include additional Part D covered drugs and to remove obsolete or excluded drugs based in part on industry feedback. This file has also been updated to include a route of administration field to provide additional drug detail.

Title: Suspicious Pharmacy Medicare Part D Billing in Florida

Date: 1/25/07

Summary: End of Week Summary: CMS has reason to believe that Teresita Pharmacy in Miami, FL may have been involved in inappropriate billing of Part D drugs to the Medicare program. In addition, earlier this month CMS' Southeast Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (MEDIC), Delmarva/Health Integrity, conducted an on-site investigation of Teresita and has reason to believe the pharmacy is no longer in operation. The information the MEDIC has received so far indicates that Teresita submitted Part D claims from January through November 2006. Due to the critical nature of this issue, CMS is alerting all Part D sponsors of this situation. CMS requests that if you have any billing from this pharmacy during 2006, please contact Delmarva/Health Integrity.

Title: Subject: Verification of Pharmacy Support Call Center Phone Numbers in HPMS

Date: 1/26/07

Summary: All Part D sponsors should prepare call center surveillance by verifying that their pharmacy call center phone numbers for 2007, as posted in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS), are accurate. To assist plans in verifying their information, a new report called, "Pharmacy Support Call Center Phone Number and Service Area Call Times" is now available in HPMS.

Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) February Payment – INFORMATION

Date: 1/26/07

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

Title: December 2006 Premium Withhold Cleanups

Date: 1/26/07

Summary: This correspondence is in reference to letters sent to the beneficiaries by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and CMS regarding their Social Security benefit.