

**Summary of HPMS Releases**  
For the week ending December 21, 2007

**Title: Reporting of Emergency Part C and D Issues on January 1, 2008**

**Date: 12/19/07**

**Summary:** Similar to last year, CMS is setting up a Part D operations monitoring program for January 1, 2008. In addition we will have a Part C monitoring presence. Non-technical significant/emergency issues should be reported to [drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov). Significant Part D benefit delivery issues are defined as specific plan issues that impact a large number of beneficiaries. Beneficiary specific issues should be reported and resolved through the normal casework procedure and not reported through this process. All casework issues should be handled through the standard process.

**Title: 2008 Performance Assessment Reports and Monitoring Exemptions**

**Date: 12/19/07**

**Summary:** Performance Assessment reports and monitoring exemptions for contract year 2008 have been released.

**Title: 2008 HEDIS Measures for Reporting by Medicare managed care contractors**

**Date: 12/19/07**

**Summary:** This memo contains a list of HEDIS measures to be reported by Medicare managed care plan types (HMO, PPO, and §1876 Cost) in 2008. Sections 422.152 and 422.516 of volume 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) the regulations specify that Medicare Advantage plans must submit performance measures as specified by the Secretary and CMS. In *the Medicare Managed Care Manual -- Chapter 5*, CMS indicates that the performance reports include HEDIS, HOS, and CAHPS.

**Title: 2008 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey and Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified Reporting Requirements**

**Date: 12/20/07**

**Summary:** The 2008 Part C Medicare Advantage (MA) reporting requirements have been finalized for the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) and the HOS-Modified (HOS-M). This bulletin outlines the requirements for both surveys and includes new requirements for MA organizations with special needs plans, as well as a voluntary reporting option for Private Fee-for-Service plans.

**Title: 2006 Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopenings**

**Date: 12/20/07**

**Summary:** Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 423.346(a)(1), CMS will be reopening the 2006 Part D payment reconciliations with Part D plan sponsors in the spring of 2008. These reopenings will address issues raised in plan appeals of their final payment determinations following the Final Part D Payment Reconciliation. The reopenings will be program-wide due to the significant number of challenges faced by CMS and all plans during the initial year of operation of the Part D program.