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### MEMORANDUM

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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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

Subject: Verification of Beneficiary Call Center Phone Numbers in HPMS

Beginning mid-January, 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) assisted by Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International will resume surveillance of beneficiary call center phone lines. All Part D Sponsors should prepare for this surveillance by verifying that their call center phone numbers for 2008, as posted in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS), are current and accurate. To assist plans in verifying their information, an updated report titled "Beneficiary Call Center Phone Number and Service Area Call Times" is now available in HPMS and is found through the following path:

- HPMS Homepage > Quality and Performance > Part D Performance Metrics and Reports > Beneficiary Call Center Phone Number and Service Area Call Times

This report lists the beneficiary call center phone numbers along with the hours during which the calls will be made during the surveillance. If errors are identified in this report, please update your information in HPMS. Please note that this is a static report generated as of the date listed at the top of the report; any changes made by sponsors after this date will not be reflected in the report. The source for the beneficiary calls is the toll-free number entry for "Customer Service for Current Members - Part D", which is a plan-level entry (vs. contract level). To update plan-level contacts, HPMS users should use the following navigation path in HPMS:

- HPMS Homepage > Plan Bids > Bid Submission > Contract Year 2008 > Manage Plans > Edit Contact Data.

Prior to the survey of the pharmacy support call lines, a similar report will be provided. Further information regarding updating pharmacy support call lines will be announced through a separate HPMS memo. Part D sponsors that do not update their phone numbers may have inaccurate or incomplete information reported publicly. Therefore, it is imperative that Part D sponsors are adequately prepared for the call center surveillance.

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