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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Plan Preview of Public Part D Report Card Data for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder

During the open enrollment period for 2008, beneficiaries will again have the availability to view performance and quality data for Part D plan sponsors via the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF). This year, CMS is modifying the current display of performance metrics in to a “Report Card” format to facilitate the comparison of plans.

This memo is to inform you that your plan can preview your data in HPMS prior to display on the MPDPF on Medicare.gov. As will the report card on the MPDPF, the HPMS plan preview will eventually allow sponsors to view three levels of data: a measure-level data view, a measure-level star view, and a domain-level star view. At this time, CMS is only sharing the measure-level data view and some measures are currently not available. Additional measures as well as “star views” at the measure-level and domain-level will be shared with Part D Sponsors in the near future.

To access the Performance Measures Preview in HPMS, from the left navigation bar select: “Quality and Performance”, then “Part D Performance Metrics and Reports” and then “Part D Report Card Master Table”. Please email any comments or questions to PartDMetrics@cms.hhs.gov and include “Report Card Master Table” in the subject line.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensure the success of the Medicare Part D program.