

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending December 7, 2007

Title: Addition of Formulary Consultant Access for Formulary and Negative Change Request Submissions

Date: 12/3/07

Summary: Beginning January 2, 2008, plans may designate a Formulary Consultant to submit Part D formularies and Formulary Negative Change Requests to HPMS on their behalf. CMS will grant formulary consultants the appropriate level of HPMS access if the designee is employed by a subcontractor to a Part D sponsor (hereafter referred to as an organization) for a delegated Part D function such as a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM).

Title: Notification of CMS Beneficiary Communication Related to Part B Reduction Benefit Error

Date: 12/3/07

Summary: CMS recently discovered a synchronization problem with SSA systems related to the Part B reduction benefit. Some beneficiaries who originally signed up for a Part B reduction plan and subsequently changed plans are still erroneously receiving the Part B reduction benefit. Affected beneficiaries will receive a letter from CMS on or after December 1, 2007. The letter directs beneficiaries to contact 1-800-MEDICARE if the beneficiary has a question. If your plan receives a call from a beneficiary who has received this letter, please direct the beneficiary to call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).