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TO: Part D Plan Sponsors, excluding Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations

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SUBJECT: Updated Schedule for Distribution of the Accumulator Comparison Report

In the July 22, 2011 HPMS memo “Accumulator Comparison Report,” CMS announced the creation of a new production report providing Part D sponsors feedback regarding discrepancies between CMS calculated Total Gross Covered Drug Cost (TGCDC) and True Out-Of-Pocket (TrOOP) accumulator values (based on saved PDEs) and plan reported TGCDC and TrOOP accumulator values. The Accumulator Comparison Report is benefit year specific and is based on month end Date of Service (DOS) followed by a two month lag period for plans to complete PDE submissions. The purpose of this memo is to notify Part D sponsors of the schedule for releasing the remaining Accumulator Comparison Reports reflecting 2011 PDE data, as well as to announce the schedule for distributing the 2012 Accumulator Comparison Reports. The full schedule is included as an attachment to this memo.

The 2011 Accumulator Comparison Report will be distributed each month along with other month-end PDE reports through and including the May month end reports. The final 2011 report will include PDEs with DOS in 2011 that were processed through 5/31/2012. The reports distributed in March, April and May will include a longer PDE submission lag than the previously stated two month lag due to the conclusion of the 2011 benefit year.

In order to maintain the two month lag between the DOS and submission date that was established for this report, the 2012 version of the Accumulator Comparison Report will be generated for the first time with the March month end reports. This report will include PDEs with dates of service from 1/1/2012 through 1/31/2012 that were processed by 3/31/2012.

During the months of March, April, and May 2012, CMS will be generating and distributing two separate Accumulator Comparison Reports, one for benefit year 2011 and one for benefit year 2012. The Accumulator Comparison Reports will continue to be distributed with sponsor’s other month-end reports. The file name for each of the benefit year files will be the same and sponsors should open each file and refer to the dates in the header records to determine the applicable benefit year. For FTP submitters the Accumulator Comparison Report will be named “RPT00000.RPT.DDPS_ACC_COM”. The name of this report for Gentran submitters will be “RPT.DDPS_P2P_PDE_ACUM_PDP.00000000”.

Questions regarding the Accumulator Comparison Report should be sent to PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov.

Schedule and Parameters for the Accumulator Comparison Reports:

Month End Date	Parameters				
	Transmission to CMS begin date	Transmission to CMS end date	Date of Service begin date	Date of Service end date	
2011 Report:	January 2012	01/01/2011	01/31/2012	01/01/2011	11/30/2011
	February 2012	01/01/2011	02/29/2012	01/01/2011	12/31/2011
	March 2012	01/01/2011	03/31/2012	01/01/2011	12/31/2011
	April 2012	01/01/2011	04/30/2012	01/01/2011	12/31/2011
	May 2012	01/01/2011	05/31/2012	01/01/2011	12/31/2011
2012 Report:	January 2012	<i>No report</i>			
	February 2012	<i>No report</i>			
	March 2012	01/01/2012	03/31/2012	01/01/2012	01/31/2012
	April 2012	01/01/2012	04/30/2012	01/01/2012	02/29/2012
	May 2012	01/01/2012	05/31/2012	01/01/2012	03/31/2012
	June 2012	01/01/2012	06/30/2012	01/01/2012	04/30/2012
	July 2012	01/01/2012	07/31/2012	01/01/2012	05/31/2012
	August 2012	01/01/2012	08/31/2012	01/01/2012	06/30/2012
	September 2012	01/01/2012	09/30/2012	01/01/2012	07/31/2012
	October 2012	01/01/2012	10/31/2012	01/01/2012	08/31/2012
	November 2012	01/01/2012	11/30/2012	01/01/2012	09/30/2012
	December 2012	01/01/2012	12/31/2012	01/01/2012	10/31/2012
	January 2013	01/01/2012	01/31/2013	01/01/2012	11/30/2012
	February 2013	01/01/2012	02/28/2013	01/01/2012	12/31/2012
	March 2013	01/01/2012	03/31/2013	01/01/2012	12/31/2012
	April 2013	01/01/2012	04/30/2013	01/01/2012	12/31/2012
	May 2013	01/01/2012	05/31/2013	01/01/2012	12/31/2012