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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: PDE processing error related to NSDE file impacting Part D Sponsors

CMS has become aware of a problem in the code related to PDE processing with the NSDE file. It is causing PDEs containing a drug with a non-NDA/BLA Marketing Category to be rejected by CMS with Edit 747 which states "The NDC was found on the current FDA NDC SPL Data Element file, but is not effective for the given DOS." The rejection is only occurring for PDEs with DOS on or after September 1, 2012, as only these PDEs are edited against the NSDE file.

CMS is working diligently to evaluate the issue and expects any corrective actions to be completed no later than Friday, September 14th. We will communicate any updated information as it becomes available. Upon correction, sponsors can resubmit any PDEs that have mistakenly been rejected.