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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: PDE issue corrected - Prescriber ID Edit 833

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In our 4157 Final Rule with comment (77 FR 22072) published April 12, 2012, we revised §423.120(c) to require that Part D sponsors submit an active and valid individual prescriber NPI on any PDE record submitted to CMS, effective January 1, 2013. Subsequently, on May 6, 2013, CMS modified the Prescriber ID edits 833 and 834 to reflect these regulatory changes. CMS rejects PDEs with a date of service (DOS) on or after May 6, 2013, if submitted without a valid individual Type 1 NPI code. CMS also rejects PDEs with a DOS of January 1, 2012 or later if submitted with a valid NPI code value that has been deactivated for over one year. Consistent with those changes, PDEs will reject with edit 833 if the NPI submitted on the PDE is not found on the CMS NPI table. This edit applies to Covered Drugs with DOS on or after January 1, 2012, and effective May 6, 2013, the Prescriber ID must be a Type 1 (individual) NPI. (For more information on the changes to the Prescriber ID edits, please see the April 23, 2013, HPMS memorandum entitled, "May 2013 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System.")

In May 2013, CMS identified an issue with how the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) received and processed the NPI deactivation file. The issue involved the entity type code (i.e., the Type 1 or Type 2 NPI code). All of the deactivated records received in May 2013 had an entity type code populated as SPACE as opposed to a Type 1 or Type 2 NPI. With the May release, our editing specifically looks for entity type code '1' and therefore, rejected all of the PDEs that had an NPI where entity type code was SPACE. This issue involved approximately 54,000 NPIs.

CMS has corrected this issue, and Part D sponsors may resubmit PDEs that rejected with edit code 833 from May 6, 2013 through mid-August 2013. Questions regarding this memo may be directed to the PDE mailbox at pdejan2011@cms.hhs.gov.