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**DATE:** November 22, 2024  
**TO:** All Part D Sponsors  
**FROM:** Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group  
**SUBJECT:** End of Year Prescription Drug Event Submission Instructions to Facilitate Transition to 1000-byte File Layout

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide instructions to Part D sponsors regarding end of year Prescription Drug Event (PDE) submission timeframes necessary to facilitate a successful transition from the current 512-byte PDE file length to the expanded 1000-byte PDE file length which becomes effective in 2025.

- Part D sponsors may submit 512-byte PDE files to the Prescription Drug Front-End System (PDFS) until 12 midnight Eastern Time on December 30, 2024. Accepted 512-byte PDE files received by the deadline will receive a Transaction Validation report in the existing 512-byte PDE Outbound file layout. Any 512-byte PDE files received after this deadline will be rejected in full by PDFS.
- No PDE files may be submitted on December 31, 2024, as they will be rejected in full by PDFS.
- Part D sponsors may submit PDE files to PDFS in the 1000-byte PDE Inbound file layout beginning on January 1, 2025. Accepted 1000-byte PDE files received on or after this date will receive a Transaction Validation report in the 1000-byte PDE Outbound file layout.

For questions regarding the transition to the 1000-byte PDE file layout, please contact CSSC Operations at 1-877-534-2772 (option 2) or by email at [csscoperations@palmettogba.com](mailto:csscoperations@palmettogba.com).