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TO: All Medicare Part D Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Update – Opioid Strategy Submissions

This memo replaces the memo released April 13, 2018 and provides the Opioid Strategy submission layout.

As discussed in the CY 2019 Final Call Letter, CMS has significantly expanded its oversight of Medicare Part D plans to ensure compliance with requirements that protect beneficiaries, and can help prevent and address opioid overutilization. All Part D sponsors are expected to have a documented, written strategy for addressing overutilization of prescription opioids.

Sponsors' opioid strategy documents should be submitted on or before June 4, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. PDT via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). The submission layout is attached (OMB control number: 0938-0763, expiration date February 28, 2019) and will be available in the HPMS Formulary Submission Module. Strategy documents will be uploaded from a new page titled "Submit Opioid Strategy" within the Formulary Submission Module. An updated version of the HPMS Formulary Submission Module & Reports Technical Manual will be released to provide technical instructions for submission prior to the June 4 submission deadline.

For questions related to the submission of Opioid Strategies, please contact Naseem Tarmohamed at Naseem.Tarmohamed@cms.hhs.gov.