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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) November 2019 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the November 2019 Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug payment, which is scheduled for receipt on November 01, 2019.

CY 2018 Part D Payment Reconciliation

The final Part D reconciliation for 2018 is included in the November 2019 payment. The payment adjustments are displayed on the Plan Payment Reports (PPRs) as Special CMS Adjustments with the type of “PRS.”

Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Missing in Plan Payment for Enrollments Effective June 2019

A MARx data cleanup was conducted to correct payments that erroneously did not include the CGD component amount of a Part D payment in the June 2019 payment. This cleanup addresses cases where the beneficiary’s enrollment effective date was 06/01/2019. The adjustments will appear on the November 2019 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with Adjustment Reason Code (ARC) 94 (Adjustment due to cleanup activity) and the Cleanup ID of CS289189.

Change in State and County Code (SCC) for Some Residence Address Records

A MARx data cleanup was conducted to correct the SCC for some Residence Address Records. The cleanup was conducted after CMS implemented new address validation software, and the new software detected that some Residence Address Records had previously been assigned an incorrect SCC. The SCC changes result in payment and premium changes in some instances. The adjustments will appear on the November 2019 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with Adjustment Reason Codes (ARC) 11 (Retroactive Change to State and County Code) and ARC 38 (Segment ID Change - Reported for Pt C and Pt D). There will be no Cleanup ID associated with these adjustments.

New Medicare Card Project Transition Period – MARx Reminder

During the New Medicare Card Project transition period (04/01/2018 – 12/31/2019) Medicare Advantage and Part D plans have been able to submit MARx transactions and search the User Interface (UI) using either the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) or the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI).

The New Medicare Card Project transition period is scheduled to end on December 31, 2019. When the transition period ends, the MARx system will only accept the MBI. Plans will no longer be able to use the HICN for any batch or MARx UI transactions. If a plan submits a HICN after the transition period has ended, the transaction will be rejected with an invalid Beneficiary ID error.

Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing

Batch Input Transaction Data File Name

As announced in the *May 2019 Detailed Release Memo*, issued through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) on 04/11/2019, CMS installed changes so that the Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) User ID is used when sending the Batch Input Transaction Data File to MARx. In order for the Batch Input Transaction Data File to process successfully, and to receive a Batch Completion Summary Report (BCSS), plans should not submit files with the same date and time in the file name. This will cause a MARx system error and prevent the system from generating the BCSS.

Extension of the Transition Period for Submitting MARx Batch Input Header Record

CMS will extend the transition period end date from August 31, 2019 to December 31, 2019 when plan submitters can transmit both the old and new MARx Batch Input Detail submission files. After December 31, 2019, plan submitters will be required to submit files using the new format.

Questions or concerns about any of the information within this letter should be directed to the MAPD Help Desk at MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov, or 1-800-927-8069.