

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending October 3, 2008

Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) October 2008 Payment - INFORMATION

Date: 9/29/08

Summary: This letter provides information related to the October 2008 payment scheduled for October 1, 2008.

Title: Contract Year 2010 Plan Benefit Package Alpha Testing

Date: 9/29/08

Summary: We would like to express our appreciation for the comments and suggestions provided as part of the Contract Year (CY) 2009 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) / Summary of Benefits (SB) Lessons Learned held in August and September 2008. CMS has used those comments as well as feedback obtained throughout the course of the year to implement our changes to the PBP/SB software for CY 2010. The first opportunity for industry participation in the CY 2010 PBP/SB software will be the PBP alpha testing phase. CMS will be conducting alpha testing of the CY 2010 PBP from **Monday, September 29, 2008 through Friday, October 3, 2008.**

Title: 2007 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

Date: 9/30/08

Summary: This memo informs plans that 2007 PRS reports are available and it is their responsibility to retrieve their reports and we officially inform them because the 15 day appeal clock begins the day the reports are available to them.

Title: Important Message re: deferring the establishment of compensation structures

Date: 10/1/08

Summary: CMS is reviewing our guidance regarding the payment of compensation in the first year (209) and working with the industry to determine what if any changes we can make to continue to reduce churning in 2009. As a result, CMS is deferring the establishment of compensation structures by October 1, 2008, for 1 week.

Title: LIS History Report Clarification—Possible ANOC/LIS Rider Implications

Date: 10/3/08

Summary: In response to questions from a few plans, this memo clarifies that Part D sponsors should use the “LIS Period End Date” field for purposes of determining whether an individual who qualified for the subsidy through the SSA application process remains eligible for LIS in 2009. Thus, for purposes of plan mailings, Part D sponsors should ensure that affected members are treated as LIS-eligible in 2009, and thus include the “LIS Rider” with the Annual Notice of Change mailing.

Title: Enhancement to Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) to Review and Investigate Marketing Misrepresentation Complaints

Date: 10/3/08

Summary: (CMS) is releasing a new enhancement to the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) that will provide organizations with additional information for use in managing agent and broker complaints.