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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage Organization and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Timeline for Rebate Reallocation and De Minimis

On August 18, 2010, CMS plans to release the Part D Base Beneficiary Premium, the Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, the Part D Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts and the Medicare Advantage Regional Benchmarks, as well as the De Minimis policy. Plans will have until 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, August 23rd to complete rebate reallocation and inform CMS of their intent to participate in the voluntary de minimis program. Plans will find the release on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/RSD/> at the link to “2011.”

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