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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, and Cost Organizations

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SUBJECT: New Contract Year (CY) 2015 Summary of Benefits (SB) Data Extract

CMS is pleased to announce that a new CY 2015 SB data extract is available within the HPMS Data Extract Facility (DEF). CMS developed this new extract in response to feedback from plan users via the annual HPMS customer satisfaction survey and help desk inquiries.

The “As Submitted Summary of Benefits - Plan Version Extract” has been added to the “Plan Bids” section of the DEF. Plan users may obtain access by sending an e-mail request to the HPMS user access mailbox at hpms_access@cms.hhs.gov.

The new extract is provided as a zip file containing SB data for all of the contracts/plans assigned to the user’s HPMS account. Each SB within the zip file is presented as a separate HTML file. In addition to the SB data files, the zip file contains the HTML schema. CMS will update the CY 2015 SB extract on a weekly basis through December 1, 2015.

A version of this extract containing data based on approved bid submissions (as opposed to “as submitted” bid submissions) will be added on September 2, 2014.

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