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Date: July 29, 2013

To: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

From: Cheri Rice
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Subject: Revised Timeline and Release Date for Rebate Reallocation and De Minimis

The purpose of this memo is to notify plans of a change in the release date for the Part D Base Beneficiary Premium, the Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, the Part D Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts, the De Minimis Amount, and the Medicare Advantage Regional Benchmarks. CMS had announced that these items would be released on July 29, 2013; these items will now be released on July 30, 2013.

Plans will have from Tuesday, July 30, 2013 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, August 5, 2013 to complete rebate reallocation and, thereafter, from Tuesday, August 6, 2013 until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, August 12, 2013 to 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.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Ratebooks-and-Supporting-Data.html> at the link to "2014."

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