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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and
              Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: February 2019 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System ("DDPS")

Effective April 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") will edit Prescription Drug Event ("PDE") data using the Preclusion List. The Preclusion List is a list of providers and prescribers who are precluded from receiving payment for Medicare Advantage items and services or Part D drugs furnished or prescribed to Medicare beneficiaries. For more information on the Preclusion List, see https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/PreclusionList.html.

New informational edit 795 will trigger when:

1. the Prescriber ID on the PDE is found on the Preclusion List, AND
2. the date of service ("DOS") on the PDE is on or after the claim rejection date ("CLMREJECTDATE") on the Preclusion List, AND
3. the DOS on the PDE is prior to the reinstatement date ("REINDATE") on the Preclusion List.

This informational edit applies to standard and non-standard PDEs. When the edit is triggered, the submitter will receive the following message, "The Prescriber ID is listed on the Center for Program Integrity's list of precluded individuals and entities for this DOS." Part D sponsors are expected to evaluate PDE data that receive the informational edit to ensure that the PDE is valid, and if necessary, the sponsor must delete or correct the PDE. CMS will be monitoring this edit for possible future outreach and editing changes.

Sanctioned Provider edits on Provider ID will occur prior to Preclusion List editing. The Prescriber ID will continue to be edited against NPPES data.

Questions regarding PDE editing using the Preclusion List may be submitted to PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you.