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To: Medicare Part D Sponsors

From: Kimberly Brandt, Director
Program Integrity Group

Re: Suspicious Pharmacy Medicare Part D Billing in Florida

CMS has reason to believe that CMS Pharmacy Inc. in Hallandale Beach, FL may have been involved in inappropriate billing of Part D drugs to the Medicare program. In addition, earlier this month CMS' Southeast Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (MEDIC), Health Integrity, LLC, conducted on-site surveillance of CMS Pharmacy Inc. and has reason to believe the pharmacy is no longer in operation. The information the MEDIC has received so far indicates that CMS Pharmacy submitted Part D claims from May 2008 through June 2008. Based on the preliminary investigation it appears that CMS Pharmacy Inc. billed for Antipsychotic and HIV medications. Many of the billings so far have proven to be fraudulent.

**CMS Pharmacy Inc.
NABP/NCPDP # 1023782
329/327 East Hallandale Beach Blvd.
Hallandale Beach FL. 33009**

Due to the critical nature of this issue, CMS is alerting all Part D sponsors of this situation. CMS requests that if you have any billing from this pharmacy during 2008, please contact Health Integrity. Please provide Health Integrity with the following information as soon as possible:

- Name of plan;
- CMS contract ID number;
- Number of claims billed by CMS Pharmacy Inc.;
- Completed 2008 payments, in dollars;
- 2008 payments in process, in dollars; and
- 2008 payments, in dollars, not yet paid.

Please call Bill Candeletti at the Southeast MEDIC at (904) 461-8389 and state that you are calling regarding CMS Pharmacy Inc. In addition, please designate a point of contact in your organization with whom the MEDIC and Law Enforcement may work with during the course of this investigation.

If you have any questions about this alert or have any information relating to this pharmacy, please contact either of these individuals at CMS: Stephanie Blaydes Kaisler at (410) 786-0957 or Faye Starceovich (312) 353-9858.