

**HPMS E-Mail**

**Date:**           **January 7, 2014**

**Subject:**       **Delivery of Medications for Part D Beneficiaries Enrolled in Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to clarify that pharmacies dispensing and delivering medications to Part D beneficiaries enrolled in Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) are not required to obtain separate consent from the beneficiary prior to delivery.

The auto-ship policy announced in the 2014 Call Letter to have pharmacies verify the need for automatically-filled prescriptions prior to delivery only applies to prescriptions not initiated by the beneficiary or an authorized representative. Given the high level of care coordination required in such programs, CMS views PACE staff as acting as the beneficiary's authorized representative for purposes of ordering and coordinating prescriptions.