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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

FROM: Cheri Rice
Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) May 2014 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the May payment, which is scheduled for receipt on May 1, 2014, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

Improper Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) Refunds

MARx processed a cleanup to retract incorrect LEP refunds made to the plans. The cleanup only affected beneficiaries in direct-bill status. The adjustments will appear on the May 2014 LIS/LEP report.

Rejected Premium Payment Option (PPO) Change Transactions

Plans reported that MARx was incorrectly rejecting withhold requests with transaction reply code (TRC) 191 – No Change in Premium Withhold Option. The impacted beneficiaries had “No Premium” premium payment options even though premiums were due. The system issue has been resolved and a cleanup of the outstanding cases has been processed. The cleanup changed the premium payment options to “Direct Bill” and plans have been notified by TRC 144 – Premium Withhold Option Change to Direct Bill. Some of the beneficiaries owed an LEP after the cleanup, which will be collected on the May LIS/LEP report.

Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Reversals

Some of the RAC offsets that were processed in the January and April 2014 payments will be reversed in the May 2014 payment. Impacted plans will see the adjustments on the Plan Payment Report under adjustment type RAC. Questions about these reversals should be directed to Delois Newkirk at Delois.Newkirk@cms.hhs.gov.

Cleanup of Low Income Status (LIS) for Plans in Puerto Rico

Some plans operating in Puerto Rico reported missing LIS amounts in the Part D Direct Subsidy payments for some members. The issue was caused by a data reporting issue between Puerto Rico and CMS, and that issue has been resolved. The payments now correctly reflect LIS beginning with the April payment. In addition, adjustments appeared on the April MMR for the period of January – March with adjustment reason code (ARC) 31- Retroactive Change to Part D Low Income Premium Subsidy Status. Note that the definition of ARC 31 will be changed to “Retroactive Change to Part D Low Income Status” in future versions of the Plan Communications User’s Guide.

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