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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors, including PACE Organizations

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SUBJECT: Closing the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) for benefit years 2007 and 2008

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the closure of DDPS for Prescription Drug Event (PDE) records with dates of service in benefit years 2007 and 2008. This change will take effect on January 1, 2015 and will affect all Part D sponsors, with the exception of the Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) plans. If a sponsor submits PDEs for either benefit year on or after January 1, 2015, the PDEs will receive reject edit code 788, which will indicate, "DDPS no longer accepts PDEs with dates of service before 1/1/2009". CMS will post an updated edit spreadsheet to the CSSC website prior to the effective date of this change. CMS will release future guidance regarding the closure of DDPS for other benefit years. Questions regarding this announcement can be sent to PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov.