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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Cost Plans and Demonstrations

FROM: Randy Brauer, Acting Director

SUBJECT: **March full-dual file for Auto Assignments**

CMS will provide the MARCH full-dual file for Auto Assignments to MA organizations and cost plans by on or about Monday, March 13, 2006. This monthly file identifies organizations' enrollees who are full-benefit dual eligibles, for purposes of facilitating their enrollment into the Medicare Part D benefit.

PLEASE NOTE: Originally these files were only scheduled to be created through March, 2006. However, CMS has determined MA/cost plans have a continuing need to identify full duals whose enrollment into the plan's Part D benefit must be facilitated. As a result, these files will continue to be created and sent monthly even after March, 2006. However, they will be limited to just MA/cost plans that need to facilitate enrollment of full dual eligibles. Certain plans do not need to facilitate enrollment, so will no longer receive these files. These include MA organizations that offer only MA-PD plans (i.e. all PBPs have Part D benefit); 1876 cost plans that offer no Part D optional supplemental benefit in any of its PBPs; and MA-PFFS that offer no Part D benefit in any of its PBPs (for latter two, CMS auto-enrolls their full duals into a stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan).

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