

SUMMARY OF HPMS RELEASES

For the week ending August 5, 2006

Title: Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Reporting Requirements

Date: July 31, 2006

Summary: The Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Reporting section of the CY 2006 Reporting Requirements document (released on 1/25/06) states that Part D sponsors shall report data at the PBP or Plan level.

Title: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) August Payment Information

Date: August 1, 2006

Summary: The correspondence provides information related to the plan's August payment and related MARx processing issues.

Title: 2007 Formulary Update Window

Date: August 2, 2006

Summary: Will outline the timeframe for updates to the 2007 formularies. It will also contain direction on what types of updates are acceptable to make.

Title: Coordination of Benefits (COB) User Fee

Date: July 31, 2006

Summary: On July 24th CMS released guidance stating that the coordination of benefits (COB) user fee will be increased for plan year 2007. This memo revises the planned collection schedule.

Title: Reminder to Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) Submitters

Date: July 31, 2006

Summary: The correspondence is a reminder to MA organizations of two important deadlines for Risk Adjustment data submission. These deadlines are important because if a MA organization does not submit data by the deadline, the data may not be included in the sweep and the subsequent calculation of payment.

Title: HIPAA Privacy FAQ on Health Plans Disclosing PHI to Persons Assisting Beneficiaries

Date: August 2, 2006

Summary: The HPMS message addresses Part D PDP Sponsors' privacy concerns about disclosing protected health information (PHI) to persons other than the beneficiary or his/her legal representative by making them aware of the Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) issued by the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The FAQ explains the circumstances under which a Part D PDP Sponsor, as a health plan subject to the HIPAA Privacy Rule, may disclose PHI to a person who calls the plan on the beneficiary's behalf, such as a family member, relative, close personal friend, or CMS staff.