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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

FROM: Anthony Culotta, Director
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SUBJECT: CMS Webcast on the Part D Coverage Determination & Appeals Process
with the Independent Review Contractor – September 21, 2006

CMS is pleased to announce that it will host a webcast on September 21, 2006, for Part D plans on the Part D coverage determination and appeals process. Program content will be presented by the Part D independent review contractor, Maximus Federal Services.

The webcast will:

- Provide an overview of the Part D coverage determination and appeals process;
- Explain the role of the independent review contractor in conducting reconsiderations; and
- Examine specific issues and cases and how they are managed through the appeals process.

This webcast will be the first session in a two-part series. Details on the second session, which will focus on case studies, will be announced via HPMS at a later date. CMS strongly encourages plans, especially staff responsible for processing coverage determination and appeal requests, to participate in these informative sessions.

Please register two weeks prior to the September 21, 2006 webcast at:
<http://cms.distributedclassroom.org>

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the satellite/webcast, please call DuVa Clyburn at (410) 786-2161. If you have any questions regarding the programmatic content please call Kathryn Smith at (410) 786-7623.