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Date: January 25, 2007

To: Medicare Part D Sponsors

From: Kimberly Brandt  
Director  
Program Integrity  
Office of Financial Management

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly Brandt", is placed over the typed name and title.

Re: Suspicious Pharmacy Medicare Part D Billing in Florida

CMS has reason to believe that Teresita Pharmacy in Miami, FL may have been involved in inappropriate billing of Part D drugs to the Medicare program. In addition, earlier this month CMS' Southeast Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (MEDIC), Delmarva/Health Integrity, conducted an on-site investigation of Teresita and has reason to believe the pharmacy is no longer in operation. The information the MEDIC has received so far indicates that Teresita submitted Part D claims from January through November 2006. Based on the abandonment of the pharmacy and other related issues, the State of Florida initiated an investigation and placed the pharmacy permit permanently into CLOSED/ABANDONED status on January 8, 2007. Please find the specific information about Teresita Pharmacy below:

**Teresita Pharmacy  
NABP/NCPDP # 1011167  
2839 NW 7th Street  
Miami, FL 33125**

Due to the critical nature of this issue, CMS is alerting all Part D sponsors of this situation. CMS requests that if you have any billing from this pharmacy during 2006, please contact Delmarva/Health Integrity. Please provide Delmarva/Health Integrity with the following information as soon as possible:

- Name of plan;
- CMS contract ID number;
- Number of claims billed by Teresita;
- Completed 2006 payments, in dollars;
- 2006 payments in process, in dollars; and
- 2006 payments, in dollars, not yet paid.

Please call Pati Serio at the Southeast MEDIC at 1-800-999-3362, ext. 6388 and state that you are calling regarding Teresita Pharmacy. In addition, please designate a point of contact in your organization with whom the MEDIC and Law Enforcement may work with during the course of this investigation.

If you have any questions about this alert or have any information relating to this pharmacy, please contact either of these individuals at CMS: Stephanie Blaydes Kaisler at (410) 786-0957 or Rita Wurm at (410) 786-1139.