

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending December 14, 2007

Title: 2008 Therapy Gap

Date: 12/10/07

Summary: This memo informs health plans on how they should explain the 2008 Therapy Cap amount in their marketing materials. Health Plans can use the Evidence of Coverage (EOC), newsletters, and Summary of Benefits (SB) to explain the new 2008 Therapy Cap amount.

Title: Request for Updated Plan Contact Information for Appeals and Enrollment

Date: 12/10/07

Summary: This HPMS notice requests that all Part D plan sponsors update the appeals and enrollment contact information that is uploaded in HPMS and provides the pathway for submitting the information. This request is being made to ensure that CMS and the independent review entity have access to the most current plan contact information.

Title: Conference Call with Abby L. Block on CY 2009 MA Part C Advance Notice Topics

Date: 12/10/07

Summary: This release announces the industry call with Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, to discuss Part C payment issues that may appear in the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2009 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates.

Title: 2008 Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Status and Premium Amounts

Date: 12/10/07

Summary: The purpose of this memo is to provide information about a forthcoming special transaction reply report that contains important information about members who will lose low income subsidy eligibility for 2008. This memo also describes the actions Part D sponsors are required to take once they receive this information, including setting members' low income cost sharing level effective January 1, 2008, and mailing the appropriate LIS rider for the 2008 calendar year.

Title: Negative Formulary Change Request Submission Training Announcement

Date: 12/12/07

Summary: The technical manual for the new HPMS Negative Formulary Change Request Submission Module is scheduled to be released on December 14, 2007. The manual will be available on the HPMS home page and within the HPMS Formulary Submission Module.

Title: Activation of Premium Withholding for 2008 Plan Enrollments

Date: 12/13/07

Summary: In anticipation of questions from new enrollees and switchers in January as to why premium withhold had not started yet or why the wrong amount was taken out, CMS should take specific action to ensure that plan CSRs are aware that this is a feature of the normal process that will resolve itself in a couple of months.

Title: HPMS 2003 Reconciliation Recalculation Report

Date: 12/14/07

Summary: In late 2002, plans were transitioned from Principal Inpatient Diagnostic Cost Group (PIP-DCG) to the Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS). Some plans submitted late data to adjust claims through the RAPS for the period that determined the 2003 risk payments. Due to a programming error these late claims were not incorporated into the final 2003 reconciliation payment. This problem was corrected and a final reconciliation payment for 2003 was recalculated.

The final recalculation resulted in payment changes for some plans. This email will contact these specific plans and refer them to an HPMS link that will provide plans with a report of the net result of the payment change.