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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Extension of May 31, 2009 Deadline for 2008 Prescription Drug
Event Data

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is extending the deadline for submitting prescription drug event (PDE) data for the CY 2008 Part D Payment Reconciliation from May 31, 2009 to June 29, 2009, midnight EST. With the exception of plan-to-plan (P2P) PDEs, CMS will continue to accept data for CY 2008 after the June 29 deadline, but this data will not be included in the CY 2008 Part D Payment Reconciliation. Sponsors should continue submitting and correcting PDE data with financial impact on a flow basis so that current data is available to CMS for evaluation purposes, including possible consideration for future re-opening decisions. CMS will not accept 2008 P2P PDEs after the June 29, 2009 deadline because P2P PDEs impact the financial values of other Part D contracts after their reconciliation has been completed.

Sponsors are reminded to maintain timely data submission and error resolution processes. CMS needs data that is timely, complete and accurate in order to conduct payment reconciliation on schedule. This June 29, 2009 deadline is final and will not be extended again.

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