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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Extension of the Submission Deadline for 2010 Prescription Drug
Event Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is announcing the extension of the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) submission deadline for inclusion in the benefit year 2009 Part D payment reconciliation. The submission deadline has been extended for benefit year 2009 PDE data from May 31, 2010 to June 29, 2010, midnight EST.

As in previous years, CMS will continue to accept 2009 PDEs after the submission deadline, but any PDE data received after the deadline will not be included in the 2009 reconciliation. In addition, CMS will not accept 2009 Plan-to-Plan (P2P) PDEs after the June 29, 2010 deadline as P2P PDEs can alter the financial values of other Part D contracts after reconciliation has been completed.

Please keep in mind that correct payment for the Part D drug benefit and the accuracy of the Part D payment reconciliation depends on the accurate and timely submission of PDEs by Part D plans. The June 29, 2010 deadline is final and will not be extended again.

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