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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Deadline extension: 2006 PDEs to be considered in the 2006 Reopenings

On December 20, 2007 CMS directed plans to submit PDEs for 2006 Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopenings by February 28, 2008. Because DDPS had unusual system down time recently, CMS is extending the submission deadline to March 28, 2008. The reopening extension applies to all PDEs, including 2006 Plan-to-Plan PDEs and those rejected PDEs subject to consideration in the reopenings. With respect to rejected PDEs, CMS will consider only those PDEs that were processed and rejected between January and March 2008.

Please note that CMS has accepted non-P2P PDEs for 2006 since the reconciliation cutoff on July 31, 2007 and will continue to accept these PDEs until further notice. However, March 28, 2008 deadline for consideration in the reopenings applies to all 2006 PDEs, both P2P and non-P2P.

Please send any questions regarding this memo to StrategicHealthSolutions at PartDPaymentReview@Strategichs.com. Thank you.