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**SUBJECT: Advance Announcement of the November 2015 Software Release**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the enrollment and payment systems that support Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug (MAPD) programs. This letter provides information regarding the planned release of systems changes scheduled for November 2015.

The November 2015 Release changes are as follows and may require Plan action:

- **Plan Benefit Package (PBP) Number for Batch Disenrollment Transaction**
- **Correction to payer order for Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs)**

In August 2015, CMS intends to provide the detailed information that Plans will require for implementation in November 2015.

### **Plan Benefits Package (PBP) Number for Batch Disenrollment Transaction**

Currently, when a plan submits a batch disenrollment transaction, the MARx system processes the transaction at the contract level rather than the Plan Benefit Package (PBP) level. When this happens, any enrollments within the same contract that are after the disenrollment date are cancelled. The Plan then needs to contact the Retro Processing Contractor (RPC) to have the enrollments re-established. This causes additional work for the Plans. This software change will require a Plan to include the PBP number in the disenrollment transaction code (TC 51) when submitting via a batch file to MARx so that only the enrollment period containing the PBP number is appropriately disenrolled.

### **Correction to payer order for Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs)**

In December 2015, CMS will implement a systems change to correct the supplemental payer order for Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). As payers of last resort by statute, ADAPs will be moved to last payer. The Payer Order Rules (Table 7-2 of the Plan Communications User Guide) will be revised to reflect this change.

Plans are encouraged to contact the MAPD Help Desk for any issues encountered during the systems update process. Please direct any questions or concerns to the MAPD Help Desk at 1-800-927-8069 or e-mail at [mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov).