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**MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP**

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**DATE:** July 30, 2015

**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

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**SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) August 2015 Payment – INFORMATION**

This letter provides information about the August payment, which is scheduled for receipt on July 31, 2015, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

**Mid-Year 2015 Risk Adjustment Reconciliation**

The mid-year 2015 risk adjustment reconciliation impacts are included in the August 2015 payment. The updated risk scores are based on diagnoses with dates of service from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The payment adjustments are located on the August 2015 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) using Adjustment Reason Code (ARC) 26 – Mid-year Part C Risk Adjustment Factor Change, and ARC 41 – Part D Risk Adjustment Factor Change (ongoing).

**2013 Final Settlement of Terminated Plans**

The Division of Payment Operations (DPO) has started analysis concerning 2013 terminated contracts and their Final Settlements. Plans can expect to receive their settlement packages before the end of the 2015 calendar year.

Questions or concerns about any of the information within this letter should be directed to the MAPD Help Desk at [MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov), or 1-800-927-8069.

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