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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

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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) December 2015 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the December payment, which is scheduled for receipt on December 1, 2015, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

Risk Adjustment Overpayment Re-Runs for 2009 and 2014

Two reconciliation runs were processed in the December payment. They were for payment years 2009 and 2014 based on risk scores updated by plan submitted overpayment files. The resulting adjustments are on the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with Adjustment Reason Codes (ARCs) 60 – “Part C payment adjustments created as the result of the RAS Overpayment file processing” with a Clean-up Id of RT3362196 and 61 – “Part D payment adjustments created as the result of the RAS Overpayment file processing” with a Clean-up Id of RT3371540.

Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Invoice Offsets

The CGD invoice offsets resume in the December payment. They appear in a separate line on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) with an adjustment type code of CGD.

MARx Operating Calendar for 2016

The MARx operating calendar for 2016 has been completed and is attached to this letter. Please note that several of the “Plan Data Due” dates occur early in the month.

2016 User Fees

The FY 2016 user fee collections resume in the January – September 2016 payments. The National Medicare Education Campaign (NMEC) user fee for MA-PD plans will be 0.041%; the total amount to be collected is \$67.5 million. The NMEC user fee for PDPs will be 0.043%; the total amount to be collected is \$18.3 million. The Coordination of Benefits user fee will be \$0.116 per Part D member per month.

Cleanup of Incorrect Adjustments for 2015

MARx processed the final phase of the cleanup of incorrect adjustments created in early 2015. This clean-up addresses cases where MARx did not recognize the initial payment made when making adjustments for coverage year 2015. The recalculated payments will appear on the MMR with ARC 94 – “Special Payment Adjustment Due to a Cleanup” with a Clean-up Id of RT3191166B.

In some cases adjustments had to be reversed for periods when beneficiaries were not enrolled in a plan. For these cases, The MMR will contain an ARC 03 – “Retroactive Disenrollment” and a Clean-up Id of RT3191166B.

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