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**MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP**

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**DATE:** December 22, 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) January 2016 Payment – INFORMATION**

This letter provides information about the January payment, which is scheduled for receipt on January 4, 2016, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

**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.

**2010 Part D Reopening**

CMS has completed the calculations for the reopening of the 2010 Final Part D Reconciliation and the results are included in the January 2016 payment. They appear on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) as a CMS special adjustment type “PRS”.

**End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Post Graft Calculation Cleanup – Phase 2**

The quality bonus payments (QBPs) related to plan star ratings for ESRD post graft beneficiaries changed for 2015 (star rating 4 and above = 5%; star rating below 4 = 0%), There is a third level not related to star ratings but to plans designated as new or having low enrollment. The QBP for these plans is 3.5%. A data clean-up was run earlier this year to apply the correct the rates yet some plans were excluded. This data clean-up will create payment adjustments for these plans which will appear on the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with Adjustment Reason Code (ARC) 94 (Special Payment Adjustment Due to Clean-up) and a Clean-up Id of RT3586174.

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