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TO: Part D Sponsors and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: 2014 Benefit Year Closeout for the Coverage Gap Discount Program Invoicing Cycle

This memorandum is a reminder of the upcoming closeout of the benefit year 2014 Coverage Gap Discount Program (CGDP) invoicing cycle. This means that the benefit year 2014 CGDP invoicing ends 37 months after the end of the benefit year, which is January 31, 2018. Prescription Drug Event (PDE) records reporting gap discount amounts for benefit year 2014 that require submission, adjustment, or deletion for any reason must be submitted by this date to be included in the 2014 benefit year's final CGDP invoice.

After the January 31 Q17 deadline has passed, Part D sponsors should continue to submit any outstanding gap discount PDEs and continue to make corrections to any PDEs that require adjustment or deletion for closed out benefit years for accurate PDE reporting, but these PDEs will not be invoiced for manufacturer payment if the PDEs report a gap discount amount.

For additional details on the annual benefit year closeout process please refer to the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) memorandum released on December 28, 2016 titled "*Annual Benefit Year Closeout for the Coverage Gap Discount Program Invoicing Cycle*".

Please direct any questions regarding this guidance to the Third Party Administrator at tpaoperations@tpadministrator.com or 1-877-534-2772, Option 1.