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To: All Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans

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Subject: Urgent Notice on Payer Sheets

All Part D Sponsors and MA organizations offering MA-PD Plans must immediately ensure that payer sheets necessary for proper processing of all of their Part D Plans are distributed to appropriate technical staff at each of their participating pharmacy organizations, as well as posted on Plan websites. Please ensure the RxBIN and RxPCN for your Plan payer sheets are exactly identical to the RxBIN and RxPCN information submitted on your 4Rx files to CMS.

Plan management must ensure that their organization and their pharmacy benefit management contractors, if applicable, have taken this action by December 27, 2005.

Pharmacies need this information in order to optimize the automation of billing processes and save pharmacists from spending time on data entry that would be better put to assisting customers. Despite repeated requests, CMS continues to hear from pharmacies that they have not received the information they need from Part D payers, and we expect you to ensure this action is taken in order to facilitate the program launch on January 1.