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**DATE:** March 31, 2005

**TO:** All Medicare Care Managed Care Organizations  
All Demonstration Organizations

**FROM:** Cynthia E. Moreno /s/  
Acting Director

**RE:** SSA Letter to Beneficiaries

Attached find information about a recent test mailing of the application for help with prescription drug plan costs undertaken by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The purpose of this application is to gather the information needed to determine if someone qualifies for the subsidy available to Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources. SSA mailed a number of applications to residents of the zip codes included on the list we have provided. The purpose of this test is to determine the potential response rates to the planned summer mailing and to understand what issues may occur during the processing of the applications.