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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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Subject: Reopening of the 2014 Final Part D Reconciliation for Employer Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs)

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 423.346(a)(1), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will reopen the 2014 Part D payment reconciliation for Calendar Year (CY) Employer Group Waiver Plans (“EGWPs”) in the Spring of 2017. A reopening will allow CY EGWPs sufficient time to resubmit 2014 prescription drug event (“PDE”) data that were impacted by PDE edit code 870<sup>1</sup>. The reopening will include all PDE data submitted and accepted for CY 2014 through 1:00 PM ET on March 30, 2017. CMS will continue to accept PDE data after the March 30, 2017 deadline; however, this data will not be considered in this reopening. All other files used in the 2014 Final Part D reconciliation, with the exception of the PDE file and the Reconciliation Exclusion report will be used in the reopening. To clarify, the MARx file with prospective payments net of all adjustments processed through the September 2015 payment; and DIR information received in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by August 21, 2015 will be used in the reopening.

CMS will plan for a global reopening of benefit year 2014 consistent with the reopening schedule followed for other reopened benefit years. Global reopenings will continue to follow a sequential order and therefore global reopenings of benefit years 2012 and 2013 will occur prior to the global reopening of benefit year 2014.

Questions about the information in this guidance can be directed to the Reconciliation Support Contractor at [PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com](mailto:PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com).

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<sup>1</sup> See HPMS memorandum, *Updates to Prescription Drug Event Edit 870*, April 11, 2016