

**Date:** December 28, 2005  
**Subject:** Delay of Drug Card Autodisenrollment Processing

Attention Drug Card Sponsors:

This email is to notify you of a schedule change to the autodisenrollment processing for Part D effective dates among your drug card members. This was originally scheduled to run this evening, and sponsors should have received disenrollment notifications in their response files on Thursday.

We have been informed that, due to other Part D processing priorities, the drug card autodisenrollments will be postponed. We hope that the autodisenrollments will run over this weekend, however at this time we do not have a firm date.

In any case, both exclusive and general drug card sponsors are not being held liable for claims incurred after a disenrollment date, if it is because CMS provided a retroactive notification of the disenrollment.

In order to mitigate the risk of overlapping Drug Card and Part D effective dates where possible, we are recommending that exclusive cards with a December 31 termination date process disenrollments from the drug card for all of their members without waiting for the CMS initiated autodisenrollments. Sponsors in this situation should use disenrollment reason code "004—An individual's current endorsed discount card program is terminated or terminates". We believe sponsors have met the beneficiary notification requirements associated with the use of this code through the ANOC letters mailed earlier in the fall.

Additionally, exclusive sponsors with May 31 termination dates may submit disenrollments if they are positive certain members will be effective with their MA-PD on January 1, 2006. The disenrollment code these sponsors should use is "009—Voluntarily disenrolled from Drug Card". If exclusive sponsors with May 31 termination dates prefer, these sponsors may wait for the autodisenrollment process to occur.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes you.