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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE

Organizations and Demonstrations

FROM: Thomas Hutchinson /s/

Director

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System (MARx) April 2010 Payment –

INFORMATION

This letter provides information regarding the April 2010 payment scheduled for receipt on April 1, 2010.

Quarterly Medicaid Update

The quarterly update of the default risk adjustment factors for Medicaid status was included in the April payment. The transaction reply reports will contain transaction type 30 and reply code 077 for impacted members. The adjustments will appear on the Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) with adjustment reason code (ARC) 10.

Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Cleanup

A cleanup to re-align the LIS payments with the LIS percentages was performed on a very small subset of beneficiaries nationwide. The adjustments will appear on the MMR under ARC 31.

Please contact the appropriate Division of Payment Operations (DPO) representative (listing attached) with questions about the information in this letter or assistance with other payment or premium related issues. Thank you.

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