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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: Closing the Drug Data Processing System ("DDPS") for benefit year 2011

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") will close DDPS to Prescription Drug Event ("PDE") data with dates of service ("DOS") for benefit year 2011. This change will take effect on July 1, 2018, and will affect all Part D sponsors, with the exception of the Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) plans. DDPS is currently closed to PDE data with DOS in 2006 through 2010.<sup>1</sup>

DDPS will reject PDE data with DOS for 2011 after June 30, 2018. That date marks the change in the look-back period, as defined at 42 CFR § 423.360(f), from 2016-2011 to 2017-2012.<sup>2</sup> Part D sponsors that submit PDE data with DOS prior to January 1, 2012, will receive reject edit code 788. The messaging associated with that edit code will be updated to the following, "DDPS no longer accepts PDEs with dates of service before 1/1/2012." An updated edit spreadsheet will be posted to the CSSC website prior to the effective date of this change.

CMS will announce the future closure of DDPS for other benefit years through HPMS memoranda. Questions regarding this announcement may be sent to [PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PDEJan2011@cms.hhs.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> See HPMS memorandum, *Closing the Drug Data Processing System ("DDPS") for benefit year 2010*, April 10, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> See generally, 79 Fed Reg 29843, 29918 (May 23, 2014). See HPMS memorandum, *Revised Reopening Request Process and Notification of Overpayment Related to PDE and DIR Data*, December 29, 2015.