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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: July 21, 2025

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: Release Date for Important Contract Year 2026 Information

On July 28, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to release the Part D base beneficiary premium, the Part D national average monthly bid amount, the *de minimis* amount, and other important Part C and Part D information for contract year 2026.

Plans will have from Monday, July 28, 2025, until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, to complete rebate reallocation, and from Friday, August 8, 2025, until 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, to inform CMS of their intent to participate in the voluntary *de minimis* program.

Plans will find the release on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/medicare-advantage-rates-statistics/ratebooks-supporting-data/2026>.

Please send any questions related to this memorandum to PartDPaymentPolicy@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you.