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TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

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SUBJECT: September 2023 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing upcoming changes to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) effective September 18, 2023. CMS is posting the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Edit Code Listing spreadsheet and inbound and outbound PDE file layouts reflecting these updates on the CSSC Operations website concurrent with the release of this memo.

Please submit questions regarding these updates to PDE-Operations@cms.hhs.gov.

Modification to DDPS Edit 835 for Medicaid Subrogation PDEs

DDPS Edit 835 ensures that valid values are submitted in the Pharmacy Service Type field on the PDE record. For PDEs submitted on or after February 28, 2013, the current valid values are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 99. However, for Medicaid Subrogation PDEs, the Pharmacy Service Type may not be known.

Effective September 18, 2023, to appropriately allow an unknown value in this scenario, DDPS Edit 835 is modified to consider spaces an additional valid value for all Medicaid Subrogation PDEs with a Non-Standard Format Code of 'A' (indicating a Medicaid Subrogation PDE) and all payments on the PDE reported in the Covered Plan Paid Amount (CPP) field.

The existing logic for DDPS Edit 835 will remain in place for non-Medicaid Subrogation PDEs.

Plans that believe they have Medicaid Subrogation PDEs that have been previously rejected with Edit 835 may resubmit the PDEs on or after September 18, 2023.

Modification to DDPS Edit 836 for Medicaid Subrogation PDEs

DDPS Edit 836 ensures that valid values are submitted in the Patient Residence field on the PDE record. For PDEs submitted on or after February 28, 2013, the current valid values are 0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, and 11. However, for Medicaid Subrogation PDEs, the Patient Residence may not be known.

Effective September 18, 2023, to appropriately allow an unknown value in this scenario, DDPS Edit 836 is modified to consider spaces an additional valid value for all Medicaid Subrogation PDEs with a Non-Standard Format Code of 'A' (indicating a Medicaid Subrogation PDE) and all payments on the PDE reported in the Covered Plan Paid Amount (CPP) field.

The existing logic for DDPS Edit 836 will remain in place for non-Medicaid Subrogation PDEs.

Plans that believe they have Medicaid Subrogation PDEs that have been previously rejected with Edit 836 may resubmit the PDEs on or after September 18, 2023.