**Email Notification to External Audiences (Partners, Hill, etc.)**

Dear [name]:

We wanted to share that CMS is offering equitable relief for certain individuals who have premium-free Medicare Part A and are currently, or were previously, dually-enrolled in both Medicare and coverage through the Marketplace for individuals and families.

For a limited time, eligible individuals can request to enroll in Medicare Part B without having to pay a late enrollment penalty or to reduce their Medicare Part B late enrollment penalty. In many instances, the penalty will be eliminated rather than reduced.

This equitable relief will be considered on a case-by-case basis for current or previously dually-enrolled beneficiaries. Attached is a tip sheet outlining the details of this equitable relief, information about who is eligible, and how to request it.

Individuals who believe they are eligible for this relief should contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) no later than September 30, 2017.

Thank you.

<Attachment of external SHIP/Navigator Tip Sheet>