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SUBJECT: Medicare Part D Prescriber Enrollment Requirement

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized CMS-4159-F *Medicare Program; Contract Year 2015 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs* (“Final Rule”) on May 23, 2014. On May 6, 2015 CMS published CMS-6107-IFC *Medicare Program; Changes to the Requirements for Part D Prescribers*, an interim final rule with comment (“IFC”) that made changes to the Final Rule. These regulations are codified at 42 CFR § 423.120(c) (6). We refer to these rules in this memo as the “Part D Prescriber Enrollment Requirement.”

The most recent guidance we issued on the Part D Prescriber Enrollment Requirement was the memo, “*Phased Implementation of the Medicare Part D Prescriber Enrollment Requirement by January 1, 2019*,” which we issued on November 1, 2016. In that memo, we not only announced a delay in enforcement, but we also stated that we would implement a multifaceted phased approach prior to enforcement. We are still delaying all enforcement of this requirement until January 1, 2019 and we are no longer planning to implement a phased approach before January 1, 2019. Therefore, stakeholders should not expect any additional guidance regarding the phased approach. However, we are still considering strategies to reduce burden on stakeholders and will notify stakeholders as appropriate.

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