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**Update on the Non-Matched NDC List...**

As originally announced in the 2010 Call Letter, CMS and the FDA have identified an initial list of NDCs which are not listed on the FDA's NDC directory. This list is known as the non-matched NDC list. CMS and the FDA are in the process of reviewing this list, and will release an updated non-matched NDC list later this fall. Once the comparison is complete, beginning on or about January 1, 2010 CMS will use the updated non-matched NDC list to establish edits on Part D PDEs containing non-matched NDCs. As a result, Part D plans are likely to begin rejecting prescription claims containing NDCs that are included on the non-matched list beginning on January 1, 2010.

In preparation for 2010, CMS has undertaken an effort to contact numerous stakeholders, including plans, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biological manufacturers, generic manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacy benefit managers and repackers. To ensure that pharmacies are dispensing NDCs which will be payable in Part D on January 1, 2001, we strongly encourage pharmacies to contact their contracted distribution entities, particularly repackers, to verify their NDCs are properly listed on the FDA's NDC directory.

Please visit the CMS Part D Formulary website* to view the initial non-matched NDC list and FDA response to CMS, which includes summary questions and answers.

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