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CENTER FOR DRUG and HEALTH PLAN CHOICE

TO: Presidents/Chief Executive Officers and Compliance Officers of Current and Applicant Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, Cost-based Contractors, Employer/Union-Sponsored Group Health Plans

FROM: Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice

SUBJECT: 2009 Regulatory Guidance

DATE: September 15, 2008

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will be hosting two conference calls on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 for MA, MA-PD, PDP, cost-based organizations and Employer/Union-Sponsored Group Health Plans. Abby Block will host a call at 10:30am EST to provide a high level overview to health plan leadership on the implementation of key policy requirements for plan year 2009. These requirements are based on the provisions in the recently released Final Marketing Provisions CMS 4131-F and Interim Final Rule CMS 4138-IFC. There will also be a special User Group call at 3:30pm that will provide detailed information on the regulations for operational health plan staff. Organizations that participate on the user group call must use the conference number and pass code that has been distributed to all registered participants.

Call In Information for Plan Leadership on September 16, 2008 at 10:30am-11:30am EST:

Conference Leader: Abby L. Block

Conference #: 1-800-593-9989

Pass Code: Plan Call

Conference phone lines will be open to listen-only mode except during Q & A portion.