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MEDICARE PART D – CMS NOTIFICATION REMINDER

Employers sponsoring a group health plan need to report information on the creditable status of the plan's prescription drug coverage to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In order to provide this information, employers must access CMS's online reporting system at: https://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/45_CCDisclosureForm.asp.

As a reminder, notice must be provided by the following deadlines:

- Within 60 days after the **beginning** date of the plan year;
- Within 30 days after the **termination** of the prescription drug plan; and
- Within 30 days after any **change** in the creditable coverage status.

An employer with a calendar-year plan (January 1 – December 31, 2010) must complete this reporting no later than March 1, 2010.

Additional guidance on completing the form, including screen shots, is available at:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/40_CCDislcosure.asp#TopOfPage

A Help Line is also available, should you experience technical issues or an error message when submitting the online disclosure form. The Help Line can be reached at 1-877-243-1285.

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