

## **Part D: Trends in enrollment and payment issues**

**ISSUE:** This session will cover trends in Part D plan enrollment for 2006. We will also describe the recent announcement that CMS will use its demonstration authority to calculate Part D monthly payments and low-income premium benchmarks in a similar manner for 2007 as the agency did for 2006.

**KEY POINTS:**

- Part D enrollment is highly concentrated in plans offered by a small number of parent organizations, including some plans with the lowest premiums available.
- Enrollees who receive Part D's low-income subsidies make up a much larger share of enrollment in stand-alone prescription drug plans than in Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide comments on the scope and substance of this analysis.

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