

## Recommended Retiree Drug Subsidy Application Dates: An Example

The following is an example showing the recommended RDS application dates for a plan with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2011:

<b>Application tasks</b>	<b>Recommended completion date</b>
Collect information to prepare RDS application	Five months prior to plan effective date; e.g., Aug. 1, 2010*
Start RDS application	Four months prior to plan effective date; e.g., Sept. 1, 2010*
Determine credible coverage, gross and net test	Four months prior to plan effective date; e.g., Sept. 9, 1, 2010*
Submit RDS application and initial retiree list file	Three months prior to plan effective date; e.g., Sept. 30, 2010*
File application extension	One week prior to application deadline; e.g., Aug. 26, 2010*
If extension is approved, submit RDS application	Thirty days after original deadline; e.g., Oct. 31, 2010*

*\*These dates are presented for example purposes only. For information on RDS application deadlines, please visit the CMS Retiree Drug Subsidy website at [rds.cms.hhs.gov](http://rds.cms.hhs.gov). If you have any questions about recommended dates, send an e-mail to [rdsdesignee@bcbsm.com](mailto:rdsdesignee@bcbsm.com).*