

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Posting of Quarterly 2018 Plan Benefit Data on <a href="http://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a> – Quarter 2 – Dated 1/3/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released the Contract Year 2018 approved plan benefit data for Quarter 2. The information is now available on the CMS public website.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Reminder of CY2019 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Application Training – Dated 1/4/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will be holding two User Group calls focused on Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Applications on <b>January 10, 2018 and January 17, 2018 from 3:30 PM to 5PM EST</b> . Individuals interested must represent an organization contract number to participate.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. For individuals interested, refer to the memo for complete details on how to register.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Medical Supplies Associated with the Injection of Insulin – Dated 1/5/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided guidance regarding Part D coverage of the new types of insulin delivery devices. If the new insulin delivery devices are not covered under the Medicare Part B DME benefit, then they can be billed under Part D as they meet the definition of a “Part D Covered Drug”. Plans may choose to cover these devices and include it in their formularies.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. For any new insulin delivery devices authorized by the PACE participant’s IDT, it should be covered and billed to Part D if not covered under Part B.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Part D Late Enrollment Penalty Guidance and Model Notice Adjustments Due to Systems Changes for Premium Withholding – Dated 1/5/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS updated the Chapter 4 Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual to address system and operational changes for how plans collect owed premiums in certain circumstances and provide clarification on the policy related to involuntary disenrollments due to non-payment premiums. The updates will go into effect within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the updates.

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Customer Satisfaction Survey for External HPMS Users – Dated 1/8/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released the annual HPMS customer satisfaction survey and encourages plans to participate. The feedback period will run from <b>Monday, January 8, 2018 through Wednesday, January 17, 2018 until 5PM EST.</b> The survey website is accessible via the Internet and a link is provided.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and how to access the survey.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	CORRECTED LINK: Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Customer Satisfaction Survey for External HPMS Users – Dated 1/8/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS corrected the link to the annual HPMS customer satisfaction survey.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for the correct link for the survey website.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Updates to the Part D Potential Exclusion Warning Report as of the First Quarter of 2018 – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced updates that will be made to the first quarter of 2018 for Contract Year 2017 Part D Potential Exclusion Warning Report. Plans should address the flagged PDEs in the warning reports within 90 days to remain compliant with CMS requirements. Plans are to use their best judgement to determine if PDEs need to be adjusted or deleted. A chart with the flagged PDE categories is provided to reflect the changes to the date of death editing.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2014 Benefit Year Closeout for the Coverage Gap Discount Program Invoicing Cycle – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS reminds plans of the upcoming closeout of the benefit year 2014 Coverage Gap Discount Program invoicing cycle. Any PDE records reporting gap discount amounts for benefit year 2014 requiring submission, adjustments or deletions for any reason must be submitted by <b>January 31, 2018</b> to be invoiced for manufacturer payment.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE is not eligible to participate in the Coverage Gap Discount Program.

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	PDE Processing Error Related to NSDE File and Edit 867 – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS became aware of an issue with the NSDE file that is causing PDE rejection code of 867. The issue has been resolved and any affected PDEs can be resubmitted.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as the PDE rejection code is related to Coverage Gap Discount and edit is not applicable to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year 2018 Changes to Network Review Process for Medicare Advantage Organizations and Section 1876 Cost Plans – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced changes to the network review process for MA organizations and Section 1876 cost plans for Contract Year 2018. CMS will now review organizations’ networks on a three year cycle unless triggered events resets the timing of the organizations’ triennial review.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	DISCLAIMER REMOVED: Part D Late Enrollment Penalty Guidance and Model Notice Adjustments Due to Systems Changes for Premium Withholding – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS removed the disclaimer note on the memo. The memo discussed updates to the Chapter 4 Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual to address system and operational changes for how plans collect owed premiums in certain circumstances and provide clarification on the policy related to involuntary disenrollments due to non-payment premiums. The updates will go into effect within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the updates.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Released of Contract Year 2019 Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare -Medicaid Plan (MMP), and Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D) and Related CY 2019 Application Deadlines – Dated 1/10/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released the Contract Year 2019 MA, MMP, Part D and other related applications. All applications are due to CMS by <b>February 14, 2018</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not required to renew their contracts on a year to year basis as MA plans are required to and utilizes its own application and service area expansion process.

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Reopening of the 2012 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation – Dated 1/11/2018
<b>Summary</b>	CMS completed the calculations for the reopening of the 2012 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation. The payment reconciliation reports and Part D Exclusion from Reconciliation Reports for the 2012 reopening will be available on <b>Tuesday, January 16, 2018</b> in the plan’s reconciliation mailboxes at the CSSC.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

**Important Date Reminders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
January 2018	Sensipar- ESRD Treatment must be included in the ESRD PPS & no longer payable under Part D benefit.
April 1, 2018	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program services to be covered for eligible Medicare beneficiaries.
April 2018	New Medicare Card (Formerly known as SSNRI) to Begin
January 2019	Enforcement Date for the Prescriber Enrollment Requirement

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