

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 for the Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model – Dated 1/12/2018
Summary	CMS released the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2018 for the Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model on December 27, 2017 . A stakeholder call will be held on January 16, 2018 to discuss the publication. CMS will continue to use the same risk adjustment model for PACE payments in PY 2019 as it has been since PY 2015.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	REMINDER: Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Customer Satisfaction Survey for External HPMS Users – Dated 1/8/2018
Summary	CMS released the annual HPMS customer satisfaction survey. All external HPMS users are invited to participate. Feedback period will run from January 8, 2018 through January 17, 2018 until 5 PM EST . The survey website is accessible via the internet and HPMS access is not required.
Action	Informational to PACE. For individuals who would like to participate, refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Conference Call – Advance Notice of Methodological changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 for the Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model – Dated 1/16/2018
Summary	CMS announced a second conference call related to the publication of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2018 for the Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model to provide an additional opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions. Details on the call will be forthcoming.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2019 Model of Care Submission Training – Dated 1/17/2018
Summary	CMS announced the CY 2019 Model of Care submission training for Medicare Advantage organizations offering Special Needs Plans. Training calls will be held on January 23, 2018 and January 25, 2018 . Model of Care submissions are due to CMS by February 14, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE as the Model of Care training is directed at Special Needs Plans and Medicare-Medicaid Plans.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part D Transition Monitoring Program Analysis (TMPA) – Dated 1/17/2018
Summary	CMS provided an overview of the CY 2017 TMPA results and details regarding the CY 2018 TMPA. Part D sponsors that are selected for the CY 2018 analysis will be notified and provided with additional information. Participating sponsors selected will need to upload the Rejected Claims Files on or about February 12, 2018 through February 16, 2018.
Action	Informational to PACE as only PACE plans that submit a Part D formulary via HPMS will be included in the selection for the analysis.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Advance Announcement of the February 2018 Software Release – Dated 1/17/2018
Summary	CMS announced the planned release of system changes scheduled for February 2018. The changes will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Beneficiary Database Suite of Systems (MBDSS) Notification of the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) to External Partners • New Medicare Card Project – MARx Changes
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that are applicable to your plan.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model Test – Update to the Request for Application for CY 2019 – Dated 1/18/2018
Summary	CMS announced changes made to the Value-Based Insurance Design Model in Section 2.2.3 – Marketing and Communications of the Request for Applications (RFA) for CY 2019. The updated RFA and further information on the model is located on the Model website.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is not allow to participant in the VPID Model.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2019 Benefit Package Testing – Dated 1/19/2018
Summary	CMS used the comments and feedback from the summer 2017 PBP lessons to implement changes to the PBP software for CY 2019. Beta testing is being conducted to ensure all aspects of the CY 2019 PBP software works as designed. A request for assistance in the final testing of the CY 2019 PBP will take place on January 22, 2018 through February 2, 2018.

Action	Informational to PACE plans as PACE do not create their own Plan Benefit Package as it is set by CMS and do not have to test their Plan Benefit Package.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	UPDATES – 2018 Medicare Part D Overutilization Monitoring System – Dated 1/19/2018
Summary	CMS released updates to the Medicare Part D Overutilization Monitoring System (OMS) for the January 2018 release, including the revisions to the OMS criteria announced in the finalized 2018 Final Call Letter. The updates will be incorporated into the next quarterly OMS reports, available on January 31, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE plans as PACE are not exempt from the OMS reporting. Refer to the memo for complete details and how to access the Patient Safety Analysis Web Portal on Acumen.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Model of Care Training – Dated 1/22/2018
Summary	The planned CMS Model of Care trainings schedule for January 23 and January 25 have been postponed.
Action	Informational to PACE as the Model of Care training is directed at Special Needs Plans and Medicare-Medicaid Plans.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Rescheduled- New Dates for Contract Year 2019 Model of Care Submission Training – Dated 1/24/2018
Summary	CMS announced the CY 2019 Model of Care submission training for Medicare Advantage organizations offering Special Needs Plans. Training calls will be held on January 30th and February 1st .
Action	Informational to PACE as the Model of Care training is directed at Special Needs Plans and Medicare-Medicaid Plans.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Provider Directory Review – Dated 1/24/2018
Summary	The report and data on the accuracy review of Medicare Advantage plans’ online provider directories can be found in the link provided in the email.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans do not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2018 Formulary Information – Dated 1/24/2018

Summary	CMS released the process for submitting formulary updates for CY 2018. Sponsors are reminded that the earliest effective date to implement approved negative formulary changes is March 1, 2018 . Negative formulary change requests could be submitted via HPMS NCR beginning January 1, 2018 . Only approved negative changes may be implemented.
Action	Applicable to PACE plans that maintains and submits a formulary to CMS. Refer to the memo for complete dates on the formulary update process.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	2019 Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019, Part 1: Medicare Advantage CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model Conference Call – Dated 1/24/2018
Summary	CMS announced the conference call detail related to the publication of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2018 for the Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model to provide an additional opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions. The conference call will be held on January 26, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model – CY 2019 Application Deadline Extended until January 31 st 5PM EST – Dated 1/25/2018
Summary	CMS extended the deadline for the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model CY 2019 to January 31st .
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is not allow to participant in the VBID Model.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
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
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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