

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Extension of PY 2017 Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) Final Reconciliation Data Submission Deadline – Dated 1/26/2018
Summary	CMS updated information to all plans that receives the Medicare risk adjustment payments regarding the deadline to submit RAPS data for Payment Year (PY) 2017. The Interim Final Reconciliation deadline for PY 2017 will remain January 31, 2018 but the RAPS PY 2017 Final Reconciliation deadline will now be May 4, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Request for Updated Plan Contact Information for Hospice Coordinator – Dated 1/26/2018
Summary	CMS request plans to designate a hospice contact within HPMS as soon as possible. The pathway in HPMS is provided.
Action	Not applicable to PACE. PACE plans do not need to designate a hospice contact.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) February 2018 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 1/31/2018
Summary	CMS released information about the February payment which is scheduled for February 1, 2018 and may require plan action on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HICN Merge Occurred and Adjustments Were Not Created • 2012 Part D Reopening
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for items that may be applicable to your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	February 2018 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (“DDPS”) – Dated 2/1/2018
Summary	CMS announced the upcoming changes to the DDPS in the February 2018 release. An updated PDE Error Code Listing spreadsheet will be available on the CSSC website to reflect the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDE Editing for Cialis- Edit Code 745 • Modified PDE Editing for the Compound Code- Edit Code 875
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part II of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2019 for Medicare Advantage, Part D and 2019 Draft Call Letter – Dated 2/1/2018

Summary	CMS released Part II of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies and 2019 draft Call Letter. A call will be held on February 6, 2018 to discuss the 2019 Advance Notice and Draft Call Letter. Any comments on the proposed changes can be sent to CMS by March 5, 2018 with a final draft to be released on April 2, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Information on the call is included in the email for individuals who would like to join. Refer to the call letter for items that may be applicable to your plan.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: February Participating Labeler Code – Dated 2/2/2018
Summary	CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by February 1, 2018 . The update includes the following to be added: 16714 Northstar 49348 McKesson Corporation 62011 McKesson Corporation 71274 Pharming Healthcare Inc. 71767 scPharmaceuticals Inc.
Action	Although the Coverage Gap Discount Program does not apply to PACE, the participating labeler codes are applicable because only brand name prescriptions with NDCs from these codes are accepted for Part D payment. Pharmastar has made the necessary software adjustments to accommodate for the updated codes.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2018 PACE Application Guidance and Training Announcement – Dated 2/2/2018
Summary	CMS released the 2018 PACE application and shared key dates for the application cycle. A training session will be held on February 7, 2018 via teleconference or webinar to go over the PACE application.
Action	Information to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on how to participate in the training session.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Additional Guidance in Response to the Contract Year 2018 Changes to Network Review Process – Dated 2/2/2018
Summary	All Medicare Advantage organizations may upload their networks in HPMS Network Management Module for technical assistance opportunity on February 8, 2018 through February 20, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE.

<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Announcement of the February 2018 Software Release – Dated 2/5/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS provided information regarding the planned release of systems changes scheduled for February 2018. The software changes will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Medicare Card Project – Medicare Beneficiary Database Suite of Systems (MBDSS) Changes • New Medicare Card Project – MARx Changes <p>The HICN to MBI Crosswalk file will be available via MARx on March 4, 2018.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on items that are applicable to your plan.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) and Payment Reconciliation System (PRS) to the New Medicare Card Project Implementation – Dated 2/6/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced the change in implementation date for the February DDPS release from February 11, 2018 to February 18, 2018. Furthermore, beginning February 18, 2018, CMS will temporarily suspend issuing PDE edit code 710 and will reactivate the edit at a later date.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the updates.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Final 2019 Application Cycle Past Performance Review Methodology – Dated 2/7/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS conducts a yearly comprehensive review of the past performance of MAO, PDP Sponsors and Cost Plans. The methodology is what CMS uses to evaluate the performance of all Medicare Contractors; these evaluations also identify organizations with performance so impaired that CMS would prohibit the organization from expanding its Medicare operations.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE plans are excluded from this analysis.</p>

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
January 2018	Sensipar- ESRD Treatment must be included in the ESRD PPS & no longer payable under Part D benefit.
March 4, 2018	HICN to MBI Crosswalk File available via MARx.
April 1, 2018	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program services to be covered for eligible Medicare beneficiaries.
April 1, 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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