

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Federal Register Notice of Public Comment Period for Updated Program Audit Data Collection – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS announced an opportunity for plans to comment on the proposed Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests. Comments can be sent electronically or by mail per the instructions in the notice by June 1, 2018 . The link to the published proposed document is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE has its own audit guide protocol.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Update: Agenda Available for CMS’ 2018 MA & PDP Spring Conference & Webcast & MA and PDP Audit & Enforcement Conference & Webcast – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	The conference agenda is available for viewing and download at the CTEO webpage provided. As a reminder, the conference is a hybrid event and those interested can sign up to attend in person or view the event via webcast. Additional information on how to register for the conference is included.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2019 Medication Therapy Management Program Guidance and Submission Instructions – WITH ATTACHMENT – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS provided guidance to plans regarding Contract Year 2019 Medication Therapy Management programs on important dates and changes. In addition, important information and requirements for establishing MTM programs.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the MTM requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Actuarial Bid Training for Contract Year (CY) 2019 – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS announced the CY 2018 Actuarial Bid Training program to be available on Friday, April 6, 2018 . No registration is required to access the online training materials. The training can be viewed independently at any time after the posting date. The link to the training materials is included.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Reopening Process and Updates to the PDE/DIR-related Overpayment Reporting – Dated 4/6/2018

Summary	CMS clarified the reopening request process and announced changes to the overpayment reporting process as it relates to PDE data and DIR data.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the changes.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of the 2019 Plan Benefit Package and Bid Pricing Tool Software and Related Technical Bidding Guidance for Employer/Union- Only Group Waiver Plans – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS released the Contract Year 2019 Plan Benefit Package, Bid Pricing Tool, and plan creation functionality in HPMS. The pathway to access the CY 2019 plan creation module, PBP and BPT software and instructions is included.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Instructions for Requesting Consultant Access to the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS require plans who would like to designate consultant users access to HPMS to submit official letters for authorized access. The official letters will no longer need to be submitted on an annual basis to retain existing consultant access; however, plans must still monitor HPMS to ensure that only appropriate individuals have access.
Action	Informational to PACE. For PACE plans requesting for consultant user access, refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	UPDATES – 2018 Patient Safety and Overutilization Monitoring System Reports – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS announced the availability of the 2018 Patient Safety Reports on the Patient Safety Analysis Website. CMS also provided updates to the Medicare Part D Overutilization Monitoring System for the April 2018 release. To ensure access to the Patient Safety Analysis web portal on Acumen, the Medicare Compliance Officers must complete all steps of the user authorization process by April 15, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and how to access the Patient Safety Analysis Web Portal and add/change user authorization access.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Reconciliation for Benefit Year 2016 – Dated 4/6/2018
Summary	CMS completed the 2016 Final Part D Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Reconciliation. The CGD reconciliation reports will be available at

Action	the Third-Party Administrator Operations mailboxes on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 . Informational to PACE as the Coverage Gap Discount Program does not apply to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare-Medicaid Plan Submission of Plan Benefit Packages for Contract Year 2019 – Dated 4/9/2018
Summary	CMS provided an overview of the plan benefit package (PBP) software for Medicare-Medicaid Plans for Contract Year 2019. All PBPs for CY 2019 must be submitted no later than June 4, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Guidance for Chart Review Record (CRR) Submissions – Dated 4/9/2018
Summary	CMS clarified guidance on submitting Chart Review Records (CRR) to Medicare Advantage Encounter Data System. The CRR allows MAOs to add risk adjustment eligible diagnoses, or delete diagnosis codes for plan enrollees.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Out-of-Pocket Cost Model for Contract Year 2019 Bid Submissions – Dated 4/10/2018
Summary	CMS announced the availability of the Out-of-Pocket Cost model in SAS software. It will be on the CMS.gov website on or around April 10, 2018 . The model will allow plans to calculate OOPC values for each of their plan offerings for the 2019 contract year.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the out-of-pocket provisions.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Continuation of Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Reports and PDE Analysis Reporting Initiatives for the 2018 Benefit Year – Dated 4/10/2018
Summary	CMS announced the continuation of the PDE Reports and PDE Analysis initiatives for the 2018 benefit year that support CMS’s efforts to improve the accuracy of plans’ PDE data. An overview of the initiatives is provided and the actions expected from plans is described in the memo.
Action	Applicable to PACE. To add/change user authorization access to the PDE Analysis Reporting Web Portal, refer to the memo for additional

details and instructions. Pharmastar can assist plans with the reports from this portal.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Non-Renewal/Service Area Reduction Module in the Health Plan Management System – Dated 4/12/2018
Summary	CMS released the updated Non-Renewal/Service Area Reduction module in HPMS. It will be available on April 20, 2018.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Request for Input on the 2019 Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines – Dated 4/12/2018
Summary	CMS is looking for feedback on Medicare marketing rules to draft the renamed Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines for release later this year. An outlined summary of the proposed changes to the current guidelines and policies is provided. All comments and feedback are due by April 26, 2018.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access Analysis Results for Q1 CY 2018 – Dated 4/13/2018
Summary	CMS released the retail pharmacy access analysis for Q1 2018. Plans have the opportunity to review the data and submit questions and/or concerns to CMS prior to CMS publishing the data to the CMS webpage.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Opioid Strategy Submissions – Dated 4/13/2018
Summary	CMS expects all Part D plans to have a documented, written strategy for addressing overutilization of prescription opioids. Plan’s opioid strategy documents should be submitted on or before June 4, 2018 at 11:59 PT PDT via HPMS. Additional information on the submission layout and an updated version of the HPMS Formulary Submission Module & Reports Technical Manual will be provided prior to the submission deadline.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details. Pharmastar will work with software processor to ensure compliance in helping to prevent and address opioid overutilization. Pharmastar will provide a formal response that is forthcoming with the approach

	Pharmastar will take which can be incorporated into the plan's comprehensive opioid strategy.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2019 Medicare Advantage Bid Review and Operations Guidance – Dated 4/12/2018
Summary	<p>CMS provided information to MAOs and Section 1876 Cost Plans with the following information for bid submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed operational guidance to support plans in their bid development • Highlight key benefit policies • Review CY 2019 Plan Benefit Package software <p>As a reminder, bids are due to CMS on or before June 4, 2018 at 11:59 PDT.</p>
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Incoming File from CMS: Beneficiary-level file to Support 2019 Part D Bids – Dated 4/13/2018
Summary	CMS provided a beneficiary-level file that actuaries will use to develop the 2019 Part D bids. This data is to contracts that offer one or more Part D plans. The memo informs plans that there may be potential action that is needed to accept the file.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Sponsors' Review of Data Used for Medicare Part C and D Star Ratings and Display Measures – Dated 4/13/2018
Summary	CMS reminds plans of the various datasets and reports available to monitor their Part C and D Star ratings.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from this memo.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	CY 2019 Formulary Training Video – Dated 4/16/2018
Summary	CMS has created a video training tool for plans to demonstrate the HPMS formulary submission process. The video is available on CMS YouTube channel at the link provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE plans that utilizes and submits a formulary to CMS.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Update- Opioid Strategy Submissions – Dated 4/17/2018

<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS expects all Part D plans to have a documented, written strategy for addressing overutilization of prescription opioids. Plan’s opioid strategy documents should be submitted on or before June 4, 2018 at 11:59 PT PDT via HPMS. Attached to the memo is information on the submission layout and clarification on what should be provided in the opioid strategy.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details. Pharmastar will work with software processor to ensure compliance in helping to prevent and address opioid overutilization. Pharmastar will provide a formal response that is forthcoming with the approach Pharmastar will take which can be incorporated into the plan’s comprehensive opioid strategy.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Proposed Medicare Part D DIR Reporting Requirements for 2017 – Dated 4/17/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the CY 2017 DIR reporting requirement guidance. All feedback and comments will be accepted until May 4, 2018. The final CY 2017 DIR reporting requirement guidance will be released prior to opening the CY 2017 DIR submission window on June 1, 2018.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo and attachments for complete details and how to provide feedback and comments to CMS.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Update: CMS’ 2018 MA & PDP Spring Conference & Webcast & MA and PDP Audit & Enforcement Conference & Webcast Announcements – Dated 4/19/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced the closing of the in-person registration for the CMS’ spring conference & webcast.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE. Refer to the attachments for complete details on the conference and webcast including information on the session topics.</p>

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