

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Part D Star Ratings Requirement – Dated 6/29/2018
Summary	CMS remind PACE organizations they are not expected to submit Part D Star Ratings data to CMS. PACE program agreements will be amended to waive this requirement. CMS will update the Part D PACE applications to reflect this waiver.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Reporting Tool for Contract Year 2017 – Dated 6/29/2018
Summary	CMS announced the release of the MLR reporting tool and instructions for submitting the Contract Year 2017 MLR report. The upload functionality to complete the MLR report will be available in HPMS on November 9, 2018 . Additional guidance and the expected timeline for the MLR reporting submission is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of this requirement.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: July Participating Labeler Code – Dated 6/29/2018
Summary	CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by July 1, 2018 . The updates include adding the following: 50261 TherapeuticsMD, Inc. 71045 Achaogen 71336 Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 71904 Amicus Therapeutics U.S., 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 update codes.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Posting of Quarterly 2018 Plan Benefit Data on www.cms.gov – Quarter 4 – Dated 7/3/2018
Summary	The CMS public website now has the Contract Year 2018 approved plan benefit data for Quarter 4. The direct URL to the plan benefit data is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of the Coverage Gap Discount Program 2013 Benefit Year Closeout Invoice Reports – Dated 7/3/2018
Summary	CMS announced the release of the Coverage Gap Discount Program 2013 Benefit Year Closeout Invoice Reports for manufacturers and Part D sponsors. The 2013 Benefit Year Closeout Invoice Reports will include data from benefit years 2013, 2012, and 2011. The release date is July 17, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE participants are not eligible to participate in the Coverage Gap Discount Program.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Reminder of Opportunities for MMPs, PACE Organizations, and D-SNPs to Effectively Address Opioid Dependency or Misuse among Dually Eligible Beneficiaries – Dated 7/5/2018
Summary	CMS remind plans of the opportunities to prevent, identify, and comprehensively treat opioid dependency or misuse among dually eligible enrollees in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain Treatment & Prescribing Practices • Early Detection and Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Sponsor Access to the Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) Communications Website – Dated 7/6/2018
Summary	CMS discussed the user authorization process for the Medicare Plan Finder Communications Web Portal on Acumen. Plans will continue to use the web portal provided as a means of distributing information regarding any outliers identified by the QA checks for pricing and pharmacy network data files. The final 2019 Star Ratings report will be made available after July 27, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Invitation to Provide Feedback to the Contract Year 2019 Bid Submission – Dated 7/6/2018
Summary	CMS invited all plans to provide feedback on the Contract Year 2019 bid submission process in HPMS. A list of the specific areas CMS is looking for on comments and suggestions is included. Plans can provide feedback from July 9, 2018 through July 20, 2018 through the link provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Quality Assurance Checks for 2019 Data Submitted for Posting on the Medicare Plan Finder Tool – Dated 7/6/2018
Summary	CMS highlighted a list of key information for plans regarding the QA analysis process to ensure pricing and pharmacy data posted to the Medicare Plan Finder are complete and accurate. In addition, CMS provided updates for the QA analysis process for CY 2019.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Changes Resulting from Federal Register Notice of Public Comment Period for Updated Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Collection – Dated 7/9/2018
Summary	CMS announced the intend to update the PRA package to include the audit protocols, inclusive of compliance standards that are used to audit sponsor performance. The documents will be included in the upcoming 30-day notice for the PRA package for public comment. CMS anticipate the PRA package to be approved by 2019 with intent to be implemented for audit year 2020. Current audit protocols and record layouts for universes used in 2017 and 2018 will continue to be utilized in 2019.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE programs have their own PACE Audit Protocols.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Second Round of HPMS Crosswalk Exceptions for Contract Year (CY) 2019 – Dated 7/9/2018
Summary	CMS announced the additional opportunity for plans to request an HPMS crosswalk exception for CY 2019. Organizations may submit additional crosswalks and modify existing exception requests in HPMS from July 9, 2018 through July 11, 2018.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Final 2016 Risk Adjustment Deadline and MAO-004 Reports – Update – Dated 7/11/2018
Summary	CMS extended the deadline for the submission of encounter data for Payment Year 2016 to ensure payment accuracy. The extended deadline will be September 14, 2018.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
11:59 PM PT on July 31, 2018	2017 Direct & Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Submission Deadline
11:59 PM PT on July 31, 2018	2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 DIR Resubmission Deadline <i>(If any changes or errors to the DIR amount)</i>
Mid-August-Mid-September 2018*	2017 Attestations of PDE, DIR Data, P2P Reconciliation Payments and Detailed DIR Report Submission Period
January 1, 2019	Preclusion List Requirement Begins
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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