

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2019 Full Risk Contract Option Continuance – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS reminds plans that they have the choice of payment options for enrollees who have 12 months of entitlement to Part A and less than 12 months of Part B enrollment during the data collection year. Plans can be paid for these enrollees as their “full risk” or “new enrollee” beneficiaries. Plans can choose this option for their Part C and Part D risk scores. Organizations that wish to confirm the status of their Full Risk Option election can access the Full Risk Contract Option Election Data in HPMS by September 21, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2019 “Medicare & You” Handbook – Plan Data Preview – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS offers plans the opportunity to preview their plan data in the CY 2019 “Medicare & You” handbook. The preview period will be August 16 through August 20 . Plans are asked to review the data as early as possible to ensure any updates are reflected in a timely manner.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Updates to the Website Requirements in the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS released the updates made to the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines (MCMG) based on comments received by CMS. A complete revised version of the MCMG will be released later this summer.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for the attached documented regarding the updates made.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Plan Preview Dates for 2019 Medicare Plan Finder – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS released information on the timeline and instructions for plans to preview their plan benefit cost sharing data and out-of-pocket estimates to ensure their plan data displays accurately in MPF on Medicare.gov. The go live date for the 2019 MPF is October 1, 2018 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. PACE plans should ensure their data is displayed accurately in the MPF. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Contract Approval Status Report – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS released the Contract Year 2019 Contract Approval Status Report in HPMS. Any incomplete plan data entry or submissions may preclude CMS from approving your contract for the upcoming contract year. Plans are encouraged to access the report to ensure all requirements the plan is responsible for are completed.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Part D Coverage of Multi-Ingredient Compounds – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	Based on a recent report by OIG highlighting Medicare Part D spending associated with topical compounds which appeared to be much higher in 2016 than in 2010, CMS is informing plans on the guidance and current policies surrounding Part D compounds. CMS encourages plans to continue efforts to ensure medical necessity of Part D compounds using utilization management tools and when considering exception requests.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on multi-ingredient compounds.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2019 Actuarial Lessons Learned – Dated 8/10/2018
Summary	CMS is looking for feedback on the CY 2019 actuarial bid process. Feedback period will be from August 13 to August 24, 5PM EST . Comments can be submitted via the website link provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for a list of the items CMS is looking for feedback on.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	CY 2019 HPMS Part D Formulary File Updates: Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Part B Drugs – Dated 8/14/2018
Summary	CMS provided instructions on how MA-PD plans can update their HPMS Part D formulary files to incorporate any changes in response to the updated guidance on prior authorization and step therapy for Part B drugs.
Action	Informational to PACE plans who utilizes and submits a formulary to CMS. Refer to the email for complete details.

<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Updates to Part D Coordination of Benefits Processes – Dated 8/14/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced the launch of the Additional Beneficiary Information Initiatives web portal on Acumen. The portal is to improve the coordination of benefits process by plans with additional information about their enrollees. Plans can use CMS data within the portal to determine coverage of immunosuppressants beginning in 2019. The Medicare Compliance Officer at each plan should assign designated users to the portal by August 31, 2018.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE as the ABII web portal on Acumen is not available to PACE plans at this time.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Plan Connectivity Data Submissions in HPMS – Dated 8/14/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>The CY 2019 Plan Connectivity Data Module (PCD) in HPMS was updated on June 1, 2018. The PCD is used by organizations to set up initial data exchange processes with CMS and to update their PCD information. Plans using third party entities to transfer data to/from CMS are responsible for maintaining that information within the PCD module. CMS encourages plans to complete the data entry and the email submission no later than August 25, 2018 to ensure timely approval of contracts for CY 2019.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and take the appropriate actions for your plan.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>2019 Medicare Advantage Reporting Requirements for HEDIS, HOS, and CAHPS Quality Measures – Dated 8/15/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS released the 2019 Performance measure Reporting Requirements for all health plan organizations. Specific submission dates are listed to ensure plans comply with the reporting(s) that are applicable to their plan.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>The HOS-M survey applies to PACE. PACE plans in effect on or before January 1, 2018 and with a minimum of 30 members are required to administer the HOS-M survey in 2019. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
<p>CMS Email Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Teleconference on Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Part B Drugs in Medicare Advantage – Dated 8/16/2018</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced a teleconference scheduled on August 17th at 12:30 PM EST to discuss the Medicare Part B Step Therapy policy for plans which goes into effective on January 1, 2019.</p>

Action	Informational to PACE plans who utilizes and submits a formulary to CMS. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Revised Contract Year 2019 Marketing and Beneficiary Communications Guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 8/20/2018
Summary	CMS revised the previous memo sent on August 3, 2018 regarding the CY 2019 Marketing and Beneficiary Communications Guidance. Revisions made to the guide are listed in the memo.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Updates to the Health Plan Management System Electronic Contracting Module – Release of the Contracts and Addenda for Contract Year (CY) 2019 – Dated 8/20/2018
Summary	CY 2019 contracts and addenda have been released in HPMS Electronic Contracting Module. Plans must execute contracts via the electronic signature process in HPMS. Signed contracts are due no later than August 31, 2018 . Plans that fail to submit signatures by deadline will not be included in the 2019 Medicare & You Handbook.
Action	Informational to PACE as the memo does not apply to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CMS Monitoring and Compliance of Encounter Data – Dated 8/20/2018
Summary	CMS finalized the encounter data performance metrics and thresholds. There are seven performance metrics and their respective thresholds for MA encounter data. All performance measures and thresholds are at the contract level and are available via the Encounter Data Report Card link on the HPMS portal.
Action	Applicable to PACE. While CMS will continue to monitor PACE plans, they will be excluded from the compliance actions for performance metrics. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Update- Contract Year 2019 Agent and Broker Training and Testing Guidelines – Dated 8/21/2018
Summary	CMS updated the CY 2019 Agent and Broker Training and Testing Guidelines. The updated version is available at the link provided in the email.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not authorized to utilize agents and brokers.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Update: CMS’ 2018 MA & PDP Fall Conference & Webcast – In – person Registration Closing – Dated 8/23/2018
Summary	The conference will be a hybrid event to offer participants an option to attend in person or view the event via webcast. The registration for the event in-person will close on August 24, 2018 . Attached is a list of the session topics that will be discussed at the event.
Action	Informational to PACE. For those interested in participating, refer to the email and attachment for complete details.

Request for Timely Enrollment Updates

Due to the upcoming holiday, Pharmastar is asking plan Enrollment Departments to send us any member enrollment/disenrollment and changes, if it is available, as timely as possible. Please forward this information to your organization’s Enrollment Department along with the Pharmastar email address: pstar@pharmastarpbm.com, as any enrollment information received after 4:00 PM CST on Friday, August 31st, 2018 will not be loaded until Tuesday, September 4th, 2018.

Pharmastar Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

The Pharmastar Administrative office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, 2018. As always, the Pharmastar Help Desk will be available for your needs throughout the coming holiday at 888.298.7770.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
August 20, 2018 – August 27, 2018 5pm EDT	CY 2019 Opioid Point-of-Sale Safety Edits Template Submission
August 31, 2018	Deadline for plans to review and update current Opioid POS beneficiary-specific claim edit information in MARx.
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

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