

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	2018 Call Center Monitoring Performance Metrics for Timeliness Study, Quarter 2 – Dated 10/23/2018
Summary	CMS released the elements and studies on the Part C and Part D call center monitoring for 2018 Quarter 2.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for further details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access Analysis Results for Q3 CY 2018 – Dated 10/23/2018
Summary	CMS identified an error related to the CMS’ retail pharmacy access analysis for Quarter 3 CY 2018 and has addressed and made the correction. The data is available on HPMS for review.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for further details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Additional Guidance on Contract Year 2019 Formulary-Level Opioid Point-of-Sale Safety Edits – Dated 10/23/2018
Summary	CMS provided frequently asked questions to the opioid safety edits that plans are expected to implement in 2019. Preliminary lessons learned from the pilot of testing the opioid naïve and care coordination edit is also provided for additional guidance.
Action	Applicable to PACE plans that adjudicates claims at the point-of-sale. Refer to the memo for complete details. Pharmastar will implement the safety edits selected by plan for January 1, 2019.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Update: PLATO Sunset – The Medicare Advantage and Part D Fraud, Waste and Abuse Tool – Dated 10/23/2018
Summary	CMS provided additional guidance to assist plans with the transition of PLATO to a “read-only” access mode. Directions on what “Read-only” means for all PLATO users is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE plans that utilizes PLATO. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	October 2018 Updates to the Payment Reconciliation System (PRS) Reports – Dated 10/25/2018
Summary	CMS announced changes to the PRS reports which went into effective on October 14, 2018 . CMS will update the currently posted file layouts on the CSSC website and the TPA website.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for changes on the PRS reports.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Availability of Medicare health Outcomes Survey (HOS) 2015-2017 Cohort 18 Performance Measurement Data – Dated 10/26/2018
Summary	CMS announced the release of the Medicare HOS 2015-2017 Cohort 18 Performance Measurement beneficiary level data. The HOS data are intended to support quality improvement activities and initiatives. Plans can obtain their data from HSAG by contacting the HOS information and technical support email provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not participant in the Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) program.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Report and Attestation Submission Reminder for Contract Year 2017 – Dated 10/26/2018
Summary	CMS reminds plans that the upload functionality for CY 2017 MLR Reports will be available in HPMS on November 9, 2018 . The electronic Attestation functionality for CY 2017 MLR will be available on December 10, 2018 . The CY 2017 MLR attestations must be submitted in HPMS by 11:59 PM PT on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 .
Action	Informational to PACE as the MLR provision does not apply to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Migration of the Health Plan Management System to Amazon Web Services – Dated 10/29/2018
Summary	CMS will migrate the HPMS current web hosting facility to the cloud-based Amazon Web Services during the weekend of November 17, 2018 . HPMS will be unavailable after 8PM ET on November 16, 2018 through November 18, 2018 . CMS recommends plans share this information with network administrators to ensure uninterrupted service to HPMS.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Attestation of Prescription Drug Event Data and Direct and Indirect Remuneration Data related to the 2013 Reopening – Dated 10/30/2018
Summary	CMS request all plans to sign the Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor available through HPMS on October 31, 2018 . An electronically signed attestation is required for plans to receive risk sharing and reinsurance payment adjustments resulting from the reopening of the 2013 Part D Payment Reconciliation. The deadline is November 6, 2018 at noon ET .
Action	Applicable to PACE. All PACE plans who were active in 2013 must complete the attestation through HPMS.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) November 2018 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 10/30/2018
Summary	<p>CMS provided information about the November payment which is scheduled for November 1, 2018 and may require plan action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CY 2017 Part D Payment Reconciliation • End of Year Payment Processing 2018
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that may be applicable to your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Update – Migration of the Health Plan Management System to Amazon Web Services – Dated 10/30/2018
Summary	CMS will migrate the HPMS current web hosting facility to the cloud-based Amazon Web Services during the weekend of November 17, 2018 . CMS will remove the CMSNet pathway as a means for accessing HPMS. The change does not impact a plan’s use of CMSNet for accessing other CMS systems.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2019 Resource and Cost-Sharing Limits for Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) – Dated 10/31/2018
Summary	CMS released the guidance on the updated resource limits for individuals who apply and qualify for the low-income subsidy (LIS) and the maximum co-payments for LIS beneficiaries. The methods CMS used to update the resource limits and the cost-sharing amounts for 2019 are attached.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2019 Core Reporting Requirements for Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 11/1/2018
Summary	CMS released the CY 2019 Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Reporting Requirements. Refer to the memo for a summary of substantive changes that were made as compared to the CY 2019 reporting requirements released.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is not a Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model and is waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part D Communication Materials – Dated 11/1/2018

Summary	CMS remind Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan sponsors that the guidance from the CY 2018 Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines still applies to all Part D communication materials.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Pharmastar Administrative Office will be closed on November 22nd in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. As always, the 24/7 Pharmastar help desk will remain open for your needs throughout the coming holiday at 888-298-7770.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
December 14, 2018	Complete and submit the Annual Full File Replace ATBT and NX Report Distribution Email List for 2016-2019
January 1, 2019	Preclusion List Requirement Begins
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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