

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2020 Plan Benefit Package Testing – Dated 1/25/2019
Summary	CMS is conducting beta testing to ensure all aspects of the CY 2020 PBP software work as designed. CMS is requesting assistance from plans in the final testing of the CY 2020 PBP. Testing will take place from Monday, January 28th, 2019 through Friday, February 8th, 2019 . To download the CY 2020 PBP beta software, follow the internet test website link provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Part D Drug Management Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Document Now Available – Dated 1/25/2019
Summary	CMS attached a FAQs document about drug management programs. The document will be updated as CMS receives additional questions from stakeholders about the new Part D programs. Readers should reference the date at the upper right corner of the document to determine if any updates have been made since they last reviewed the document.
Action	Informational to PACE plans. For PACE plans implementing a Part D Drug Management Program, refer to the attached document for additional information.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2020 Application Cycle Past Performance Review Methodology – Dated 1/25/2019
Summary	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.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are excluded from this analysis.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: February Participating Labeler Code – Dated 1/30/2019
Summary	<p>CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by February 1, 2019. The update includes the following to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10094 Aquestive Therapeutics, Inc. • 52817 Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72495 Millicent U.S., Inc, • 69784 Woodward Pharma Services LLC
Action	<p>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.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Release of and Training on the 2019 PACE Application – Dated 1/31/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS announced training on the 2019 PACE Application which will be held on February 6th, 2019 from 2-3:30 PM. The training will be via teleconference and webinar.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE plans who are interested in learning more about the PACE application and process. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Payment Year 2018 Risk Adjustment Attestations – Dated 1/31/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS requires all plans to submit a risk adjustment attestation annually. The attestation for PY 2018 (2017 dates of service) are available on HPMS. Plans are asked to complete the applicable attestation for their plan and submit to CMS by March 4th, 2019 by 11:59 PM PDT.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the requirement.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>RESEND: Part II of the Advance Notice of Methodology Changes for CY 2020 for Medicare Advantage, Part D and 2020 Draft Call Letter – Dated 2/1/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS is resending the call letter to plans as several users alerted CMS that they did not receive it which was originally sent on January 30th, 2019. A conference call will be held on February 4th, 2019 at 4PM EST to discuss the drafted call letter. Any comments on the proposed changes can be sent to CMS by 6PM EST on March 1, 2019 for consideration in the final call letter.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the call letter for items that may be applicable to your plan.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>End of Moratorium on Authority to Terminate Medicare Advantage Organization Contracts Based on Low Star Ratings – Dated 2/6/2019</p>
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Summary	CMS informs MA organizations and PDP sponsors of CMS’ policy for resuming to exercise of its authority to terminate Part C and Part D contracts of plans who consistently failed to achieve good Star Ratings. CMS may terminate plan contracts that failed to achieve a Part C summary ratings of at least three stars for three consecutive contract years and low Part D summary ratings.
Action	Informational to PACE plans.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
April 1, 2019	Payment Denials and Claims Rejections Begin for the January 1 st , 2019 Preclusion List
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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