

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2020 Bid Pricing (Actuarial) Requirements – Dated 8/9/2019
Summary	CMS invite all plans and certified actuaries to provide feedback on the Contract Year 2020 actuarial bid process in HPMS. A list of the specific areas CMS is looking for on comments and suggestions is included. Any comments and feedback can be submitted from August 12 to August 23, 2019 5 PM EST through the link provided. HPMS user access is not required.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2020 Bid Submission – Dated 8/9/2019
Summary	CMS invite all plans to provide feedback on the Contract Year 2020 bid submission process in HPMS. A list of the specific areas CMS is looking for on comments and suggestions is included. Any comments and feedback can be submitted from August 12 to August 23, 2019 through the link provided. HPMS user access is not required.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2020 Drug Pricing Review – Dated 8/9/2019
Summary	CMS inform plans of the opportunity to preview their CY 2020 drug pricing data prior to publication on Medicare Plan Finder on October 1, 2019 . There will be two opportunities to preview the drug pricing data as listed in the memo. The new path link to the preview functionality is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans do not have drug pricing data on Plan Finder but should ensure their organization data is displayed accurately.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	New Resources to Improve Physical Accessibility for People with Disabilities – Dated 8/12/2019
Summary	CMS is offering several new resources for people with disabilities and their care providers to improve accessibility to health care and support independent living. The resources are described in the memo and available to both patients and providers.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

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) 2020 – Dated 8/12/2019
Summary	CY 2020 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, 2019 . Plans that fail to submit signatures by the deadline will not be included in the 2020 Medicare & You Handbook.
Action	Informational to PACE as the memo does not apply to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Contract Approval Status Report – Dated 8/13/2019
Summary	CMS released the Contract Year 2020 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 and take the appropriate actions for your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Plan Connectivity Data Submissions in HPMS – Dated 8/14/2019
Summary	The Plan Connectivity Data Module (PCD) in HPMS 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 26, 2019 to ensure timely approval of contracts for CY 2020.
Action	Applicable to PACE. PACE should review and confirm all information in HPMS is up to date. Refer to the memo for complete details and take the appropriate actions for your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2020 Full Risk Contract Option Continuance – Dated 8/15/2019
Summary	CMS remind 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 either “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

Action	Risk Option election can access the Full Risk Contract Option Election Data in HPMS by September 21, 2019 . Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and additional information.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Encounter Data Submission Performance Reports – Dated 8/19/2019
Summary	CMS implemented encounter data submission performance metrics. The memo informs plans of an updated set of submission performance reports to notify them of their current status for each metric. Technical notes with detailed specifications on each metric and threshold are available via HPMS.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2020 Plan Benefits Preview – Dated 8/19/2019
Summary	CMS strongly encourages all organizations to preview their plan benefit and out-of-pocket cost estimate data in HPMS. There will be two opportunities for plans to do so prior to its publication on Medicare Plan Finder on October 1, 2019 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details to ensure all necessary contact information for your organization is accurately stated in HPMS for Medicare Plan Finder during the preview windows.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Proposed Collection for Updated Program Audit Protocol – 60- Day Comment Period – Dated 8/20/2019
Summary	CMS is looking for comments on the proposed Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests and other supporting data collection instruments. The link to the proposed changes is provided. Any comments can be sent by October 15, 2019 per the instructions in the notice.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2020 MPF Plan Benefit Preview Updates – Dated 8/22/2019
Summary	CMS shared information on known issues during the CY 2020 MPF plan benefit preview and a few reminders regarding the preview.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Negative Changes Requests (NCRs) no longer needed for 423.120(b)(5)(iv) Immediate Brand-Generic Substitutions – Dated 8/22/2019
Summary	Plans with a formulary will no longer submit a negative formulary change request to CMS to make immediate generic substitutions beginning with CY 2019 September monthly update window. Instead, Plans are to provide CMS required notice of specific generic substitutions by submitting monthly formulary update files that reflect the generic addition and corresponding change to the brand name drug.
Action	Informational to PACE plans who utilize and submits a formulary to CMS. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Part C and Part D Reporting Requirements – Data Validation – 30 day Comment Period – Dated 8/22/2019
Summary	CMS announced the opportunity for plans to comment on the proposed Medicare Part C and Part D Data Validation of Reporting Requirements data for the 2020 collection period. A link to the proposed published document is provided. Comments can be submitted per the instructions in the notice by September 16, 2019 .
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the Part C reporting requirements and waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Re-Determination of Part D Low-Income Subsidy Eligibility for 2020 – Dated 8/22/2019
Summary	CMS provided organizations with information and guidance on re-determination of LIS eligibility and the responsibility of plans to conduct outreach to members who no longer automatically qualify for LIS in 2020.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for guidance and plan responsibilities.

Request for Timely Enrollment Updates

Due to the upcoming holiday, Pharmastar is asking plan Enrollment Departments to send 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: enrollment@pharmastarpbm.com, as any enrollment information received after **4:00 PM CST on Friday, August 30th, 2019** will not be loaded until **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019**.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
August 16, 2019 – August 23, 2019 (5 PM ET)	CY 2020 Opioid Safety Edits Template Submission Window
September 30, 2019 (1 PM ET)	2014 PDE Data Submission Deadline for CY 2014 Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening
Mid-September 2019*	2018 Attestation of Prescriptions Drug Event Data, Direct and Indirect Remuneration Data, Monthly Plan to Plan Reconciliation Payments and the Detailed DIR Report
October 2019*	Annual Full File Replace ATBT and NX Report Distribution Email List for 2017-2020
October 2019*	2020 Readiness Checklist for Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plans, and Cost Plans
December 31, 2019	HICN to MBI Transition Ends
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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