

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Optional CY 2020 Formulary Enhancement Submission Window – REVISED – Dated 9/6/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS offered a final CY 2020 formulary submission window that will allow plans to submit formulary enhancements to CMS prior to the start of 2020. The submission window will allow plans the opportunity to submit formulary changes so that the Medicare Plan Finder displays accurate and up-to-date formulary information during the Annual Election Period. Plans may submit their CY 2020 formulary enhancements between 12 AM ET September 23, 2019 and 5 PM ET on September 26, 2019. The memo is revised to address expedited generic substitution.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE plans who utilize and submits a formulary to CMS. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Risk Adjustment Suite of Systems (RASS) Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) Related Enhancements – Dated 9/6/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS provided information on the below systems changes to the Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) system that will be implemented on October 7, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Error Code 500 • Updated Report Field Name Description
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the system changes.</p>
<p>CMS Email Title & Release Date</p>	<p>CAR T-cell therapy for certain types of cancer considered a significant cost for contract years 2019 and 2020 – Dated 9/6/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>For calendar years 2019 and 2020 only, original fee-for-service Medicare will pay for chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy for cancer obtained by beneficiaries enrolled in MA plans when the coverage criteria outlined in the National Coverage Determination is met. Plans should account for these items and services in their contract year 2021 bids.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Release of Contract Year 2020 Plan Correction Module – Dated 9/6/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS released the HPMS Plan Correction Module for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and 1876</p>

	<p>Cost Plans. The correction module will be open from September 6, 2019 until September 19, 2019 11:59 PM EDT. Only changes to the Plan Benefit Package that are supported by the Bid Pricing Tool are allowed during the plan correction period.</p>
Action	<p>Information to PACE plans. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Announcement related to the Discontinuation of the Technical Assistance Registration Service Center (TARSC) Website – Dated 9/9/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS will no longer be using the Technical Assistance Registration Service Center website to provide information about and registration details for upcoming Risk Adjustment User Group calls on risk adjustment topics as of September 1, 2019. Announcement on the updated process for future Risk Adjustment User Group calls will be forthcoming.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Reporting Requirements for 2020 HEDIS, HOS and CAHPS Measures – Dated 9/9/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS released the 2020 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 organization.</p>
Action	<p>The HOS-M survey applies to PACE. PACE plans in effect on or before January 1, 2020 and with a minimum of 30 members are required to administer the HOS-M survey in 2020. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Second Plan Preview of 2020 Part C and D Star Ratings Data – Dated 9/10/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS informed plans that they can preview their Star Ratings data in HPMS prior to the display on Medicare Plan Finder. The second plan preview begins on September 10, 2019 through September 17, 2019 at 5 PM ET. The final Star Ratings can be viewable by beneficiaries on Medicare.gov. in October.</p>
Action	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE plans do not participant in the MA plan Star Ratings.</p>
CMS Email Title & Release Date	<p>CMS Webinar on Primary Prescription Drug Coverage Reporting – Dated 9/10/2019</p>

Summary	<p>CMS will host a webinar on September 25, 2019 at 1 PM ET to discuss the mandated reporting of primary coverage under a Group Health Plan arrangement for Medicare beneficiaries effective January 1, 2020. A reference to the GHP Section 111 page is provided with helpful documents on the SUPPORT Act and Group Health User Guide.</p>
Action	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not considered GHP through active employment; therefore, PACE is not required to report primary coverage through the Section 111 mandatory reporting. Refer to the email for complete details on the webinar.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>2020 Reassignment of Low-Income Subsidy Beneficiaries in Non-Renewing Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans Reducing their Service Areas – Dated 9/11/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS will conduct reassignments of beneficiaries eligible for the Part D low-income subsidy who are enrolled in certain Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and for individuals who meet the specific criteria as listed. The reassignment occurs for MA plans that are non-renewing or have an approved SAR as of 2020. CMS will process reassignment transactions and transmit a special TRR to plans on or around October 17, 2019.</p>
Action	<p>Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for additional information and detail on the process in the event that such reassignment affects your participants.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>2020 Reassignment of Low-Income Subsidy Beneficiaries in Prescription Drug Plans – Dated 9/11/2019</p>
Summary	<p>CMS will conduct reassignment of certain beneficiaries eligible for the Part D low-income subsidy in October. CMS will carry out all reassignments including those to a different plan benefit package offered by the same organization, as well as to plans offered by different sponsors. CMS will not reassignment those who no longer qualify for LIS, or those who have chosen a plan on their own. CMS will reassign only individuals who are LIS-eligible in 2019 and who will remain LIS-eligible in 2020.</p>
Action	<p>Informational to PACE. PACE organizations should review the memo for items that may be applicable in the event such reassignment affects your participants.</p>

CMS Email Title & Release Date	<p>Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements for CY 2020 – Dated 9/11/2019</p>
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Summary	CMS is providing plans an opportunity to comment on the proposed Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements data for 2020 collection period. A link to the proposed Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements is provided. Comments can be sent to CMS by October 11, 2019 .
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2020 Online Enrollment Center Timeline and Requirements – Dated 9/12/2019
Summary	CMS provide technical guidance for the CY 2020 Online Enrollment Center. Medicare beneficiaries can submit enrollment applications online. Plan participation status for the OEC is listed. Plans can use the HPMS OEC Management module to download their OEC enrollment applications and select plan types to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the OEC process. The CY 2020 module will be release to all plans on September 20, 2019 .
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is prohibited from participating in the OEC.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2020 Annual Notice of Change and Evidence of Coverage Submission Requirements and Yearly Assessment – Dated 9/13/2019
Summary	CMS remind plans on the key actions required for the Annual Notice of Change/Evidence of Coverage (ANOC/EOC) documents. The ANOC/EOCs provide vital information to enrollees regarding benefits and cost-sharing. CMS expect plans to send corrected ANOC/EOCs to enrollees on time and in accordance with Medicare guidelines. Additional information and deadlines regarding the the ANOC/EOC document and errata submission are included.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the ANOC/EOC requirements. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Correction to the CY 2020 Cost Plan Evidence of Coverage (EOC) Model – Dated 9/13/2019
Summary	CMS provided a minor correction to the CY 2020 Evidence of Coverage model template for Section 1876 Cost Plans.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Release of the 2018 Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit and Enforcement Report – Dated 9/13/2019
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Summary	CMS release the 2018 Part C and Part D Program Audit and Enforcement Report. The report summarizes information about program audits conducted in 2018 by CMS. CMS is looking for feedback on the report which is attached to the email and will be made available on the link provided for Part C and Part D Compliance and Audits. A separate PACE audit report for PACE audits conducted in 2018 will not be issued as CMS is continuing to refine it by collecting and analyzing data and feedback from audited PACE plans.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the attached report for information on the program audits conducted by CMS.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	End of Year 2019 Enrollment and Payment Systems Processing Information – Dated 9/17/2019
Summary	CMS provided information to support plans in their end-of-year enrollment and payment systems processing activities to ensure a successful transition to CY 2020 regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug (MARx) System Transaction Processing; 2. Rollover and Terminating Plan MARx Transaction Processing; and 3. Plan Reports and System User Interface (UI) Availability
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for items that may be applicable to your plan and take the appropriate actions as needed.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Proposed Collection for Applications for Part C Medicare Advantage, 1876 Cost Plans, and Employer Group Waiver Plans to Provide Part C Benefits - 60- Day Comment Period – Dated 9/18/2019
Summary	CMS announced the opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Part C Medicare Advantage application and other data collection instruments. The link to the proposed document is provided. Comments may be submitted by November 12, 2019 .
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access Analysis Results for Q2 and Q3 CY 2019 – Dated 9/18/2019
Summary	CMS made available the retail pharmacy access analysis for Q2 & Q3 CY 2019. To access the data, the path link in HPMS is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2019 Encounter Data Front-end System Correction to Guidance on Submission of Partially Capitated Encounters – Dated 9/19/2019
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Summary	CMS provided correction to previous guidance on the submission of encounters on which some service lines are paid under a capitated arrangement and others are not for institutional and professional records.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the correction.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contractor Change for Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Final Part D Payment Process and Part D Prescription Drug Event Data Analysis Initiatives – Dated 9/19/2019
Summary	CMS announced Acumen, LLC as the contractor in assisting CMS with the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit final Part D Payment Process and the PDE Reports and PDE Analysis initiatives beginning September 2019 . Plans must establish and maintain access to Acumen for these for the appropriate personnel. Information on establishing access to Acumen is provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and information on how to establish access to Acumen for the appropriate staffs within your organization.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
September 30, 2019 (1 PM ET)	2014 PDE Data Submission Deadline for CY 2014 Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening
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

**Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.*

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