

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	2020 Star Ratings Marketing Template – Dated 10/4/2019
Summary	CMS announced the release of the 2020 Medicare Star Ratings marketing template which is available in HPMS along with the release of the 2020 Star Ratings on Medicare Plan Finder. Plans may not release information on their 2020 Star Ratings until the ratings has been made public.
Action	Information to PACE as PACE plans do not participant in the Star Ratings.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Encounter Data Report Card Re-design – Dated 10/4/2019
Summary	CMS finalized the format and content of the Encounter Data Report Cards. There will be several enhancements to the report cards which will be released in October 2019. CMS will continue to distribute report cards through HPMS and an announced will be made when they are available. The methodology used in preparing the report cards and technical notes is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2021 Medicare-Medicaid Integration and Unified Appeals and Grievance Requirements for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) – Dated 10/7/2019
Summary	CMS provided a summary of the new requirements for Medicare and Medicaid grievance and appeals procedures for D-SNPs beginning in 2021.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2020 Timeliness Monitoring Project – Dated 10/8/2019
Summary	CMS will be conducting an industry wide monitoring project to collect data and evaluate for timeliness of processing of Medicare Advantage Part C organization determinations and reconsiderations and Medicare Prescription Drug Part D coverage determinations and redeterminations. Plan active for both CY 2019 and CY 2020 will be subject to this monitoring effort. Beginning in January 2020 , plans will receive a data request email with additional instructions on the data collection process.

Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are excluded from this data submission.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	2020 Medicare Advantage and Part D Star Ratings + Medicare Plan Finder Updates – Dated 10/11/2019
Summary	CMS introduced a new design for Medicare Plan Finder to make it easier for people to learn about and select the plan options that best meet their needs. Part C and D Star Ratings information is also added.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Encounter Data – Announcement of Data Exchange Reports – Dated 10/15/2019
Summary	CMS announced the availability of the new report, Encounter Data – Data Exchange. The report is intended to improve accuracy of data submissions for key data fields and identify potential areas of incomplete submissions. The report is posted on HPMS at the path link provided. CMS expects plans to review the report and take reasonable measures to resubmit corrected data or submit missing records prior to the final risk adjustment submission deadline.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for details on the Data Exchange Report.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2020 CMS Health Equity Award – Call for Nominations – Dated 10/15/2019
Summary	CMS is looking for nominations for the CMS Health Equity Award which is to be given at the Quality Conference 2020 to recognize organizations demonstrating a commitment to health equity by reducing disparities among CMS beneficiaries. Nomination forms are due no later than November 15, 2019 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Integrated Denial Notice for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) – Dated 10/16/2019
Summary	CMS has not finalized the updated Notice of Denial of Medical Coverage, Form CMS-10003-NDMCP. Plans are to continue using the state-specific CY 2019 notice models until further notice.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Completion of the 2018 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation – Dated 10/16/2019

Summary	CMS completed the calculations for the 2018 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation. The payment reconciliation reports will be available in the reconciliation mailboxes at CSSC on October 17, 2019 . Payment adjustments to remit and recover these calculation reconciliation amounts are planned for November 2019 payment.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details. If you cannot access the reports, please contact CSSC Operations.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Encounter Data- Announcement of Data Exchange Reports – Clarification – Dated 10/17/2019
Summary	CMS revised the first paragraph from the initial released of the memo to clarify that the reports will be available in the future and a separate HPMS memo will be sent out when the data is available.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
October 2019*	Annual Full File Replace ATBT and NX Report Distribution Email List for 2017-2020
December 31, 2019	2020 Readiness Checklist- <i>review and have all applicable items in place for 2020</i>
December 31, 2019	HICN to MBI Transition Ends

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