

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2021 Quality Bonus Payment Determinations and Administrative Review Process for Quality Bonus Payments and Rebate Retention Allowances – Dated 11/15/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS made available to Medicare Advantage (MA) Organizations a process to review payment determinations based on quality bonuses. MA plans can request an administrative review of their Star Ratings for quality bonus payment determinations and rebate retention allowances by <b>December 3, 2019</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE does not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines and does not participate in payment adjustments linked to plan Star Ratings.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Resources for D-SNPs on CY 2021 Medicare-Medicaid Integration and Unified Appeals and Grievance Requirements – Dated 11/20/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS and the Integrated Care Resource Center (ICRC) provided resources for technical assistance to states and D-SNPs to help with implementation of new requirements for D-SNP Medicare-Medicaid integration requirements, as well as unified Medicare and Medicaid grievance and appeals procedures beginning in 2021.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Fall Actuarial User Group Call and CY2021 BPT Updates – Dated 11/22/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will host an actuarial user group call on <b>December 5, 2019</b> , to review the CY 2020 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2021 Bid Pricing Tools and corresponding instructions and questions on preparing the CY 2021 bids.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and call information.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) Customer Service Enhancement – Dated 11/22/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will provide an update to the Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) that increases the frequency with which complaints originating at the 1-800 MEDICARE Call Center are loaded. Effective <b>January 18, 2020</b> , complaints will be recorded in the system real-time.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the CTM update.

<p><b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Package for the Proposed Model Medicare Advantage (MA) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Individual Enrollment Request Form – Dated 11/22/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS notifies stakeholders that the PRA package for the new model MA and PDP "shortened" enrollment form is available in the Federal Register and the accompanying Correction Notice is available for review and comment from <b>November 18, 2019 through January 17, 2019.</b></p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details. The link to provide comments is provided.</p>
<p><b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Package Correction to Guidance on Submission of the Public Comment period for the Proposed Model Medicare Advantage (MA) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Individual Enrollment Request Form – Dated 11/25/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS updated the end date for the comment period for the new model MA and PDP "shortened" enrollment form. Comments may be submitted through <b>January 17, 2020.</b></p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details. The link to provide comments is provided.</p>
<p><b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>Coverage Gap Discount Program: December Participating Labeler Code – Dated 11/25/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by <b>December 1, 2019.</b> The update includes the following to be added:                  72356 Foamix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.                  70255 Array Pharmaceuticals                  70003 Jacksonville Pharmaceuticals                  70007 Espero Pharmaceuticals                  66794 Piramal Critical Care</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>2021 Quality Bonus Payment Determinations and Administrative Review Process for Quality Bonus Payments and Rebate Retention Allowances—CORRECTION – Dated 11/25/2019</p>

<b>Summary</b>	CMS corrected the year selection for viewing QBP Ratings in HPMS for 2021 QBP determinations. Contracts should select 2021 on the "Select a Report Period" page and then click the Next button.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE does not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines and does not participate in payment adjustments linked to plan Star Ratings.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year (CY) 2020 Access to the Additional Beneficiary Information Initiatives (ABII) Web Portal – Dated 11/25/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided guidance about requesting available reports and technical information about the ABII web portal, including the process and time frame for submitting access requests.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not eligible to receive either report and therefore are not expected to sign up for the ABII web portal.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2016 Benefit Year Closeout for the Coverage Gap Discount Program Invoicing Cycle – Dated 11/25/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS reminds plans of the upcoming closeout of the benefit year 2016 Coverage Gap Discount Program invoicing cycle. Any PDE records reporting gap discount amounts for benefit year 2016 requiring submission, adjustment, or deletion for any reason must be submitted by <b>January 31, 2020</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE is not eligible to participate in the Coverage Gap Discount Program.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Plan Preview of the 2020 Display Measures in HPMS – Dated 11/1/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced the availability of display measures in HPMS for Part C & D sponsors from <b>November 26, 2019 through December 11, 2019</b> . Comments or questions on the Part C & D or HEDIS display measures should be sent to CMS by 5 PM ET on <b>December 11, 2019</b> . Refer to the memo for a list of all display measures for 2020 and additional details.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	New Medicare Card Medicare Beneficiary – Dated 11/27/2019

<b>Summary</b>	CMS reminds plans of the New Medicare Card transitional period. Starting <b>January 1, 2020</b> , plans must use the MBI for Medicare transactions.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) December 2019 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 11/27/2019
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS provided information about the December payment which is scheduled for <b>December 1, 2019</b> and may require plan action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage Gap Discount Invoice Offsets</li> <li>• Low Income Subside Status Missing for 2019</li> <li>• Medicaid Status Errors</li> <li>• New Medicare Card Project Transition Period</li> <li>• Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that may be applicable to your plan.

**Request for Timely Enrollment Updates**

Due to the upcoming holidays, 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](mailto:enrollment@pharmastarpbm.com).

**Important Date Reminders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
November 31, 2019 Noon ET	2014 PDE DIR Attestation Deadline
December 16, 2019	Annual Full File Replace ATBT and NX Report Distribution Email List for 2017-2020 Deadline
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
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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