

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Announcement of December 2019 Encounter Data Software Release Updates – Dated 11/29/2019
Summary	CMS continues to implement software improvements for accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage program. Detailed information is provided regarding changes to be implemented on December 20, 2019 . Encounter Data Processing System changes are listed and may require plan action.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for items that may be applicable to your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Long-Term Institutionalized Resident Report – Dated 12/2/2019
Summary	The fourth 2019 Long-Term Institutionalized Resident Report (LTI) will be distributed on December 3, 2019 . Plans will only receive an LTI Resident Report if they have LTI enrollees. A file layout and a description of best practices for use of the report is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. For PACE plans with LTI enrollees, refer to the memo for details on how to retrieve the report and other general report details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Early Preview – CY2021 Medicare Advantage Ratebook Growth Rates – Dated 12/3/2019
Summary	CMS released the CY 2020 premium determination estimates of the United States Per Capita Cost for beneficiaries entitled to Part A and/or enrolled in Part B. The estimates are preliminary and could change when final rates are published next year.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Proposed Collection for Updated PACE Audit Protocol - 30-Day Comment Period – Dated 12/3/2019
Summary	CMS requests comment on proposed updates to PACE audit protocol and other supporting data collection instruments. Comments must be received by December 27, 2019 electronically or by mail per instructions in the notice.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details and links to the 30-day notice for the proposed PACE 2020 Audit Protocol, supporting statement, and related forms.

<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Webinar Training Opportunities – Dated 12/3/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>The CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) announced the following training opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, December 18, 2019 (12:30-1:45 ET): Supporting Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) as they Age <p>This webinar is intended for all plans interested in improving their ability to serve aging adults with I/DD.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE. If interested, refer to the memo for additional details on how to register for the webinar.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>UPDATES –2020 Medicare Part D Overutilization Monitoring System Technical Guidance – Dated 12/4/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced the release of updates to the Overutilization Monitoring System (OMS) technical guidance for 2020 Medicare Part D drug management programs (DMPs). Updates include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of the HICN field • Identification of beneficiaries with exemption diagnosis codes • Suppression rules for “Review in Progress” responses • Clarifications on palliative care outpatient claims and various response descriptions <p>New users requiring access must submit requests for authorization by January 24, 2020.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE plans who implemented a Drug Management Program (DMP). Refer to the memo for complete details on the updates.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Correction to the Contract Year (CY) 2020 Evidence of Coverage (EOC) Models – Dated 12/6/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS issued a correction to the “Making an Appeal” section of the Contract Year (CY) 2020 Evidence of Coverage (EOC) model templates. Refer to the memo for complete details as electronic and hard copy versions of the EOC will require revision.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the ANOC/EOC requirements.</p>
<p>CMS Email Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Proposed Collection for New Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit and Industry-Wide Part C Timeliness Monitoring Project (TMP) Protocols – 60-Day Comment Period – Dated 12/6/2019</p>

Summary	CMS requests comment on proposed updates to Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit and Industry-Wide Part C Timeliness Monitoring Project (TMP) Protocols and other supporting data collection instruments. Comments must be received by February 4, 2020 electronically or by mail per instructions in the notice.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details and links to the 60-day notice, supporting statement, and related forms.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Release of the New PACE Portal – Dated 12/9/2019
Summary	CMS announced release of the new PACE portal. Questions and all PACE-related inquiries should be submitted through the new portal.
Action	Applicable to PACE. A link to the portal is included in the email.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2020 Opioid Safety Edit Reminders and Recommendations – Dated 12/9/2019
Summary	CMS issued reminders in preparation for implementation of the opioid point-of-sale (POS) safety edit(s) for Contract Year 2020. A summary of implementation trends and other recommendations are included.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details and links to educational materials.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Updates to Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Member ID Cards – Dated 12/10/2019
Summary	CMS reminds MMPs they are not required to replace existing Member ID Cards for Contract Year 2020 in order to remove the Health Plan Identifier (HPID) per the final rule rescinding HPID requirements. The HPID should be removed, however, when a new card is issued or reissued to a member.
Action	Informational to PACE.

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.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
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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