

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Claims Data Attestation Module Available – Dated 12/13/2019
Summary	CMS announced the new Claims Data Attestation Module in HPMS which can be used by PDP plans to submit a request for Medicare claims data beginning in January 2020 . The attestation ensures PDP plans are aware of how Medicare claims data may and may not be used.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not considered to be PDPs and would be ineligible to request A/B data.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Reminder of Deadlines for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with Update on Payment Months – Dated 12/17/2019
Summary	CMS reminds plans of upcoming deadlines to submit risk adjustment data which is used in calculating risk scores for Payment Years 2019 through 2021 and the anticipated payment months for each risk score run.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the upcoming deadlines and anticipated payment months.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Applicability of New Part B Drug Appeal Timeline Rules to Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 12/19/2019
Summary	CMS reminds Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) that beginning January 1, 2020 , MMPs should comply with the new regulations for Part B drug appeals which shorten the timeframes for adjudication of Part B drug organization determinations and reconsiderations.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Reporting of Emergency Part C & D Issues for January 1, 2020 through January 3, 2020 – Dated 12/19/2019
Summary	CMS has established a Part C & D operations monitoring program for non-technical significant emergency issues for January 1 through January 3, 2020 . Plan sponsors are to report issues that arise to both CMS and the plan’s CMS Account Manager. CMS also request plans to update their CEO and Emergency Contact Information in HPMS by December 27, 2019 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on distinguishing reportable issues and how to report through this process.

<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Request for Comments on Updated Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 12/20/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS requests feedback on proposed changes to the Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes document for Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 8. Changes include the addition of two new sections that provide additional guidance, updating one measure to reflect a temporary suspension, and adjusting the benchmark for two measures.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>2020 Part C and Part D Call Center Monitoring - Guidance for Timeliness Study/Accuracy and Accessibility Study – Dated 12/20/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS provided information on the monitoring studies of Part C and Part D call centers that will continue into 2020. Plans should verify their call center information in HPMS by January 2, 2020. Details on the studies, directions for accessing results, and tips to improve results are included.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from this memo.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>CY 2020 Formulary Information – Dated 12/20/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS released the process for submitting formulary updates for CY 2020. Sponsors are reminded that the earliest effective date to implement approved negative formulary changes is March 1, 2018. Negative formulary change requests could be submitted via HPMS NCR beginning January 1, 2018. Only approved negative changes may be implemented.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE plans that maintain and submit a formulary to CMS. Refer to the memo for complete dates on the formulary update process.</p>
<p>CMS Memo Title & Release Date</p>	<p>Updates to the Part D Potential Exclusion Warning Report and Exclusion Report – Dated 12/20/2019</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>CMS announced an update to the categories included on the Part D Potential Exclusion Warning Report and Part D Exclusion from Reconciliation Report. A current list of flagged prescription drug event (PDE) categories is provided, including a new Plan-to-Plan (P2P) Category specific to reopenings.</p>
<p>Action</p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Announcement of participants for CY 2020 Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model; CY 2021 Model Application Process and release of Hospice Benefit Component Request for Applications – Dated 12/20/2019
Summary	CMS released the name of the parent organizations who are participating in the CY 2020 VBID and additional information and details on the request for application for the Hospice Benefit Component of the model for CY 2021.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not participate in the VBID Model.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	2020 Medicare Part D Reporting Requirements and Technical Specifications – Dated 12/26/2019
Summary	CMS released the 2020 Part D Reporting Requirements. The link to the reporting requirements is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: January Participating Labeler Code– Dated 12/26/2019
Summary	CMS will update the participating manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by January 1, 2020 to include and delete the labeler codes as listed.
Action	Refer to the email for the complete listing of the labeler codes that will be included or deleted. 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 will make the necessary software adjustments to accommodate for the change.

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.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
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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