

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Contract Year 2020 Integrated Denial Notice Timing – Dated 3/6/2020
Summary	CMS completed and released the model Contract Year 2020 Integrated Denial Notices for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) on March 4, 2020 . MMPs should begin using the revised state-specific models no later than April 15, 2020 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Posting of Quarterly 2020 Plan Benefit Data on www.cms.gov Quarter 2– Dated 3/6/2020
Summary	CMS released the Contract Year 2020 approved plan benefit data for Quarter 2. The information is now available on the CMS public website.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Long-Term Institutional Resident Report – Dated 3/9/2020
Summary	The first 2020 LTI Resident Report will be distributed to plans on March 10, 2020 . Organizations will only receive an LTI report if they have LTI enrollees. The layout of the file and a description of best practices related to plan’s use of the report is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE plans who has LTI enrollees. Refer to the memo for additional information and how to retrieve the report.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Annual Request for Part D Payment Reconciliation Contact Information – 3/9/2020
Summary	CMS request all active contracts in 2019 to submit the contact person(s) for the 2019 Part D payment reconciliation via HPMS by March 23, 2020 . The person(s) should be able to represent the CEO or CFO and be able to correspond to reconciliation issues as well as issues related to DIR. All plans active in 2019 but no longer active in 2019 will need to submit this information to the Reconciliation Support Contractor using the attached form.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on how to submit the contract person(s) who will be handling the 2019 Part D payment reconciliation for your plan.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Information Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 – COVID – 19 – Dated 3/10/2020
Summary	CMS released information to plans on the obligations and permissible flexibilities related to disasters and emergencies resulting from COVID-19.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and for items applicable to your plan. If your plan has any concerns about your participant’s access to medications, please reach out to your Client Support Specialist or Pharmastar at 888-298-7770. Pharmastar can relax your plans’ refill too soon, max day supply or prescriber edits and readjust the edits when needed.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model Deadline Extension– Dated 3/11/2020
Summary	CMS announced the due date for the Calendar Year 2021 Applications for the Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model which will be on April 24, 2020 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Office Hours: Hospice Benefit Component of the VBID Model – Payment Design Part I – Dated 3/12/2020
Summary	CMS will host office hours on March 19, 2020 from 4-5 PM ET to provide a brief review of the payment methodology of the hospice benefit component of the VBID model.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Searchable Appeals Database – Dated 3/12/2020
Summary	CMS launched the new Medicare Part C and Part D Independent Review Entity (IRE), MAXIMUS Federal, Decision Database. The MAXIMUS Federal will provide summaries of all IRE appeals decisions and rationales decided from January 1, 2020 and will go into effect on March 13, 2020 11:59 ET . The link to the database is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model, Part D Payment Modernization Model, and Part D Senior Savings Model Application Process for Plan Year 2021 – Dated 3/16/2020

Summary	CMS provided information and application details for the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID), the Part D Payment Modernization, Part D Senior Savings models. Links to the information and request for the applications are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Information for PACE Organizations Regarding Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – Dated 3/17/2020
Summary	CMS reminded PACE organizations to follow accepted policies and standard procedures with respect to infection control, including at least the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and of the responsibility for providing all required Medicare and Medicaid covered services, including diagnostic tests to identify COVID-19, determined necessary to improve and maintain a participant’s overall health status.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Office Hours: Hospice Benefit Component of the VBID Model – Quality, Transparency and Access – Dated 3/19/2020
Summary	CMS provided information on an upcoming webinar providing a brief review of the quality, monitoring, network and evaluation design aspects of the hospice benefit component of the VBID Model scheduled for March 26, 2020 .
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is not eligible to participate in the VBID model.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Announcement of the March 2020 Encounter Data Software Release Updates – Dated 3/19/2020
Summary	CMS provided detailed information on the release of systems changes effective March 27, 2020 . Encounter Data Processing System changes are as listed in the memo and may require plan action.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the changes.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Minimizing Face-to-Face Contact for Medication Delivery or Dispensing – Dated 3/20/2020
Summary	CMS reminded Part D sponsors to work with their first tier, downstream, and related entities to identify means of ensuring that medication is delivered to patients without requiring face-to-face contact. Additionally, CMS clarified that HHS does not require and

Action	will not audit for patient signatures as proof of delivery for any medications, including controlled substances, while requiring patient signature for receipt of medication would undermine current public health efforts to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Informational to PACE.
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For the latest CMS responses to COVID-19, please visit the [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) website.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
June 29, 2020 11:59 PM ET	Deadline for 2019 PDE Submissions
June 30, 2020 11:59 PM PT	Deadline for 2019 Direct & Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Submission
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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