

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Release of the Contract Year 2021 Service Area Verification Functionality – Dated 4/17/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced availability of contract year 2021 Service Area Verification (SAV) functionality in HPMS. Part D sponsors should begin reviewing their entire contract service area and applicable attributes and must concur or non-concur by bid submission deadline.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Draft Applicable Integrated Plan Coverage Decision Letter 30-day Comment Period – Dated 4/17/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced an opportunity for Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible SNP and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed Applicable Integrated Plan Coverage Decision Letter. The link to the published proposed document is provided. Comments must be received by <b>May 15, 2020</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	UPDATES - 2020 Medicare Part D Patient Safety Reports – Dated 4/20/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced the availability of the 2020 Patient Safety Reports on the Patient Safety Analysis Web Portal on <b>April 30, 2020</b> . Requests for new user authorization to access the reports must be submitted by <b>April 27, 2020</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and how to access the Patient Safety Analysis Web Portal and add/change user authorization access.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year 2021 Medicare Advantage Bid Review and Operational Instructions – Dated 4/20/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided information to MAOs and Section 1876 Cost Plans with detailed operational guidance to support plans in their bid development. As a reminder, bids are due to CMS on or before <b>Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM PDT</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Extension of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Quality Data Reporting Submission Due Dates for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of Calendar Year 2020 - COVID -19 – Dated 4/21/2020

<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS announced the extension of two quarterly due dates for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) quality data reporting for 2020 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter 1 is extended from May 15 to <b>July 15, 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Quarter 2 is extended from August 15 to <b>October 1, 2020</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Applicable to PACE. PACE organizations should consult with their State Administering Agencies regarding their state’s due dates.</p>
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	<p>Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements for CY2020 – Dated 4/22/2020</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS announced OMB approval of the 2020 Part C Reporting Requirements. A link to the current documents is provided.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from Part C reporting requirements.</p>
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	<p>Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) May 2020 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 4/22/2020</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS released information about the May payment scheduled for <b>May 1, 2020</b>. Additionally, starting with the monthly payment made in May 2020, CMS will suspend the application of the two percent payment reduction during the May 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 sequestration suspension period.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	<p>Total Beneficiary Cost Data for Contract Year 2021 Bid Preparation – Dated 4/23/2020</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Plan-specific Total Beneficiary Cost (TBC) adjustment amounts for Medicare Advantage organizations are available in HPMS. A path to the data is provided, and instructions for calculating the TBC change were included in the April 20, 2020 memo titled “Contract Year 2021 Medicare Advantage Bid Review and Operational Instructions.”</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Informational to PACE.</p>
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	<p>Final Medicare Part D DIR Reporting Requirements for 2019 – Dated 4/23/2020</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS provided an overview of the Final Medicare Part D DIR Reporting Requirements for 2019. Plans can submit the 2019 DIR beginning <b>June 1, 2020 through 11:59 PM PT on Tuesday, June 30, 2020</b>. Resubmission for summary DIR reports for prior years 2015-2018 will begin <b>July 1, 2020 through 11:59 PM PT on July 31, 2020</b>.</p>

<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE plans. Refer to the memo for complete details on the DIR submission requirements. For all plans active with Pharmastar in 2019, Pharmastar will provide the DIR data and notify the plan once the reports are available. Plans are to review their DIR contacts in HPMS and make any necessary updates and changes at this time, if applicable. Please contact your Client Support Specialist if you have any questions.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Guidance for the Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening for Calendar Year 2015 – Dated 4/24/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will perform a program-wide reopening for the 2015 Part D Payment Reconciliation. The reopening will include CY 2015 PDE data submitted and accepted through <b>1:00 PM ET September 30, 2020</b> . CMS will continue to accept CY 2015 PDE data after the September deadline; however, the data will not be considered in the reopening. For 2015 DIR changes, CMS will open the gates in HPMS for the resubmission of the 2015 DIR reports for Payment Reconciliation from <b>July 1 through July 31, 2020</b> .
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the reopening and related deadlines.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Stakeholder Call on the CY 2021 Rate Announcement and MA and Part D COVID-19 Guidance – Dated 4/27/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will host a stakeholder call on <b>April 29, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST</b> to discuss the 2021 Rate Announcement, as well as guidance related to the COVID-19 outbreak for MA organizations, PACE organizations, and Part D.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for details to participate.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Coverage Gap Discount Program: May Participating Labeler Codes – Dated 4/28/2020
<b>Summary</b>	CMS will make the following updates to the list of participating manufacturer labeler codes by <b>May 1, 2020</b> . Added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72893 Acrotech Biopharma LLC</li> <li>• 72618 Biohaven Pharmaceuticals, Inc</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	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.

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	CY 2021 Part D Formulary Submission Information – Dated 4/28/2020
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS released additional information on the following to assist Part D plans with the submission of the CY 2020 formularies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulary Reference File</li> <li>• Formulary Submission Updates &amp; Submission Window Dates</li> <li>• Specialty Tier</li> <li>• Indication-Based Coverage File Submission &amp; Formulary Design Best Practices</li> <li>• Line Levels</li> <li>• Prior Authorization and Step Therapy (PA/ST) Updates</li> <li>• Expedited Generic Substitution</li> <li>• Tier Model Changes</li> <li>• Part D Supplemental Files</li> <li>• Formulary Training Video</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE plans that utilize a formulary and submit to CMS. Refer to memo for complete details.

**For the latest CMS response to COVID-19, please visit the CMS.gov website.**

**Important Date Reminders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
June 1, 2020	Deadline for submission of CY 2021 bids
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
July 31, 2020	Deadline for 2015-2018 Direct & Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Resubmission
September 30, 2020 1 PM ET	Deadline for Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening for CY 2015 PDE Data Submission
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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