

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Issuance of Contract Year 2021 Model Materials – Dated 6/12/2020
Summary	CMS released the CY 2021 Model materials and highlighted the changes to the ANOC and EOC models and the Part D EOB. All models are available at the link provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage and Section 1876 Cost Plan Network Adequacy Guidance – Dated 6/17/2020
Summary	CMS updated the operational policies to support the CY 2021 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4190-F1). The updated guidance is available at the link provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part D Summary 2019 DIR Report and Detailed 2019 DIR Report – Submission Reminder – Dated 6/17/2020
Summary	CMS reminded plans that the deadline for submitting the Summary 2019 DIR Report and Detailed 2019 DIR Report is 11:59 PT Pacific Time (PT) on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.
Action	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.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2020 Monitoring Parts C & D Reporting Web Portal Access – Dated 6/17/2020
Summary	CMS provided plans an overview of the CY 2020 Monitoring Parts C & D Reporting Web Portal and new report availability for the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program Completion Rate for Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR) Star Rating Measure. Plan expectations and required actions are included. For user authorization access, instructions are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the Part C reporting requirement and waived for the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Proposed PACE Quality Data Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Paperwork Reduction Act 60-day Comment Period – Dated 6/18/2020

Summary	CMS announced the 60-day comment period for plans on the proposed PACE Quality Data Monitoring and Reporting Requirements. Comments can be sent by August 17, 2020 . A link to the proposed document is provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Final Contract Year 2020 Program Audit Protocols for Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 6/18/2020
Summary	CMS released the CY 2020 Program Audit Protocols for Medicare-Medicaid Plans. Information on the audit protocols is attached and at the link provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE has their own audit protocols.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Data Form and Filing Instructions for Contract Year 2019 – Dated 6/19/2020
Summary	CMS released the MLR Data Form and filing instructions for CY 2019 which is available in HPMS on June 26, 2020 and must be submitted by December 4, 2020 . The electronic attestation functionality for CY 2019 MLR will be available on December 7, 2020 and must be submitted by December 16, 2020 .
Action	Informational to PACE as the MLR provision does not apply.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	2020 Protocols for the Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audits, Medicare- Medicaid Plan Program Audits, and Part C Timeliness Monitoring Project – Dated 6/19/2020
Summary	CMS announced the release of the Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit and Timeliness Monitoring Data Requests for 2020. The protocols and supporting data collection instruments are available at the link provided. Plans should take the appropriate actions needed to become compliant with the audit protocols and data collection efforts. The final 2020 audit strategy will be finalized later this year.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Diagnostic Testing of Nursing Home Residents and Patients for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – Dated 6/19/2020
Summary	CMS reminded Medicare Advantage Organizations to not charge cost sharing or apply prior authorization or other utilization management requirements for coverage of testing and testing related services for COVID-19 furnished on or after March 18, 2020 and during the public health emergency period.

Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Secure Electronic Prior Authorization for Medicare Part D Final Rule – Dated 6/22/2020
Summary	CMS is delaying the finalization of the Secure Electronic Prior Authorization for Medicare Part D Final Rule and will not be requiring use of the secure electronic prior authorization by January 1, 2021 .
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Part C Reporting Requirements for 2021 Contract Year – Dated 6/24/2020
Summary	CMS announced the 60-day notice and comment period on the proposed 2021 Part C Reporting Requirements for Additional Telehealth Benefits. Comments can be sent by August 21, 2020 . A link to the proposed document is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Part D Pricing File Submission Application Programming Interface (API) – Dated 6/25/2020
Summary	The new Part D Pricing File Submission Application Programming Interface will be available to all plans and contracted third party vendors and consultants for the CY 2021 Part D pricing file submission in early July 2020 . It can be used to submit the pricing files automatically to HPMS. Plans may continue to submit via the Part D Pricing File Submission module or by the new application.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not submit Part D pricing files to CMS. Refer to the memo for additional information on the API.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access Analysis Results for AEP and Q1 CY 2020 – Dated 6/25/2020
Summary	CMS made available the retail pharmacy access analysis for AEP and Q1 CY 2020. To access the data, the path link in HPMS is provided. The data will be used to identify plans that are not meeting the retail pharmacy access standard requirement.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Encounter Data – Data Exchange Reports – June 2020 – Dated 6/25/2020

Summary	<p>CMS announced the first round of Encounter Data - Data Exchange reports which is now available in HPMS. The Data Exchange Reports can assist a plan in improving their encounter data submission processes. Instructions on how to respond to the reports is provided. Plan’s written explanation for the detected issues are to be submitted to CMS within 60 days of receiving the report or no later than August 24, 2020. The reports can be accessed by logging into HPMS and following the path link provided.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and take the appropriate action for your plan.</p>

For the latest CMS response 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
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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